

THE YEAR IT ALL  
GOT REAL!

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UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL







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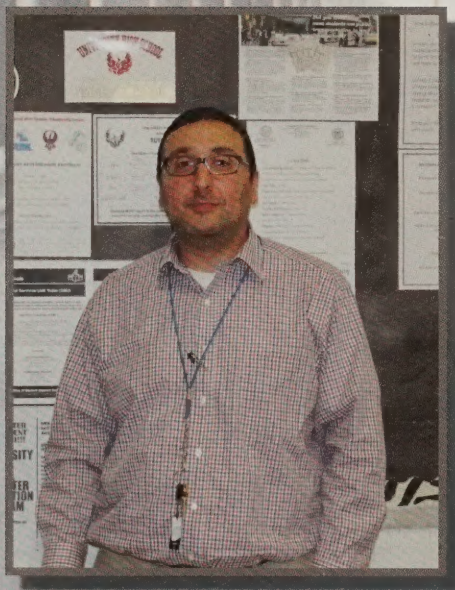
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# ADMINISTRATION



Genique Flourney-Hamilton  
Principal



Pasquale Pontoriero  
Vice Principal



Damon White  
Vice Principal



# DEPARTMENT CHAIRS



Amir Billups  
Social Studies



Rita Della Valle  
Mathematics



Stephanie Kwok  
English Language Arts



Anna Tosun  
Science



Michelle Wilson  
Physical Education





# Farewell from Principal Hamilton

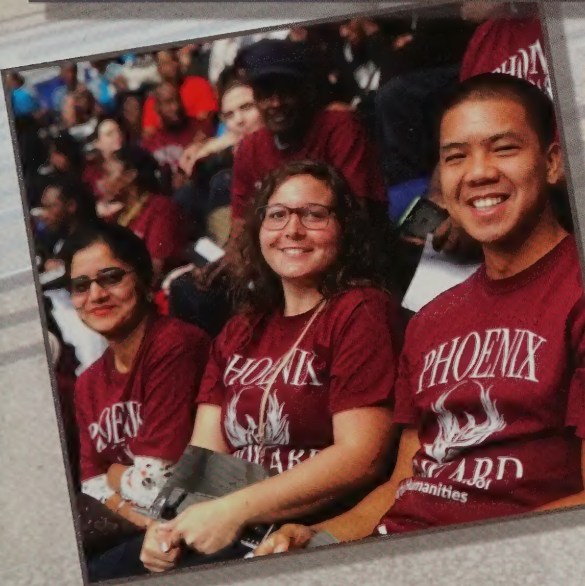
Just eight months ago, I stood before you as your new school Principal. While neither of us knew what would lay before us this school year, I was certain that this was a class deserving of a red carpet welcome. From the savvy introductions and clever questions posed to me during our senior orientation, to the warm embrace we shared at the pep rally, you all have truly inspired me to be the very best Principal that I could be. As the Principal of my alma mater, University High School, I am so proud to have you as my first graduating class.

I will truly miss greeting each of you daily as you enter the school building, cheering on our championship teams together, and hearing the exuberant dialogue or insightful poetry you presented in your English class. These experiences and the many memories we have shared this year will remain etched in my mind as I continue to build upon the legacy that you are leaving behind at our school.

While I am truly saddened that the remainder of our time together was unexpectedly interrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic, it is during this national crisis that my confidence in you has been reaffirmed. You have proven yourselves to be resilient, problem-solvers who are prepared to take on and rise to each new challenge on your next journey. You are our future lawyers, teachers, doctors, politicians, engineers, fashion designers, and more! When faced with any obstacle, be reminded of a quote from the late great Kobe Bryant, "Everything negative-pressure, challenges-is all an opportunity for [you] to R.I.S.E." like the Phoenix in all that you do.

Farewell Class of 2020  
Principal Genique Flournoy-Hamilton





# FACULTY



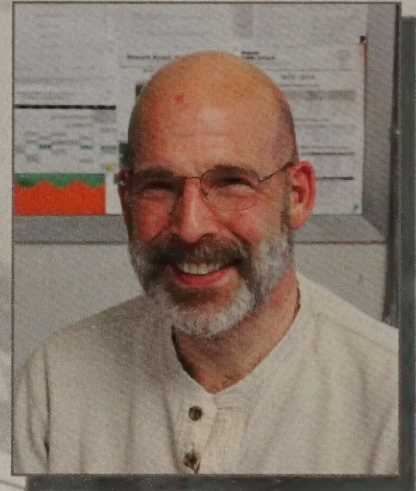
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Alina Dunker-Ware



Donald Fourre



Gabriela Gutierrez



Roberto Inclan

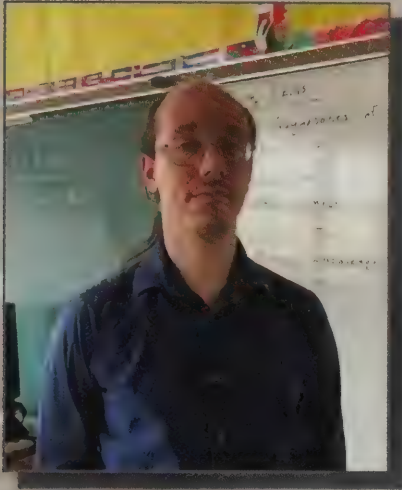


Susana Ruesta

"MY WISH FOR YOU IS THAT YOU CONTINUE. CONTINUE TO BE WHO AND HOW YOU ARE, TO ASTONISH A MEAN WORLD WITH YOUR ACTS OF KINDNESS." ~MAYA ANGELOU~



# MATHEMATICS FACULTY



Michael Gatto



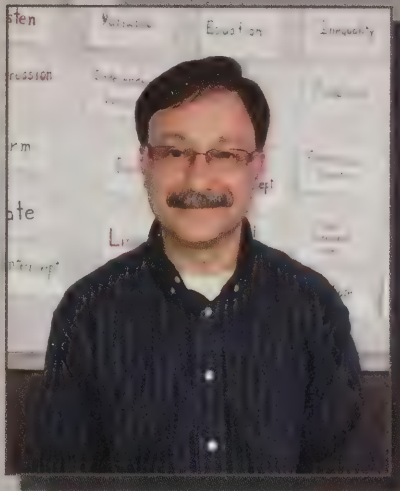
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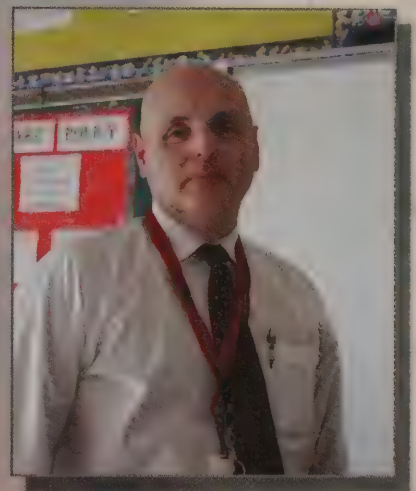
Coral Kennedy



Moriamo Okundaye



Peter Santino



Roberto Suarez



LaToya Waddell

"IF YOU WANT TO LIVE A HAPPY LIFE,  
TIE IT TO A GOAL, NOT TO PEOPLE OR  
THINGS."

~ALBERT EINSTEIN~



# HISTORY FACULTY



Michele Caviasco



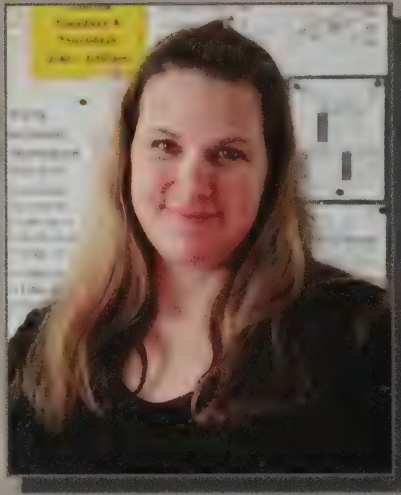
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Mark DeFalco



William DeMarco



Susan Febinger



Elmyria Gill



Domonique Roberts

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“WHEN YOUR DESIRES ARE STRONG ENOUGH, YOU WILL  
APPEAR TO POSSESS SUPERHUMAN POWERS TO ACHIEVE.”

~NAPOLEON HILL

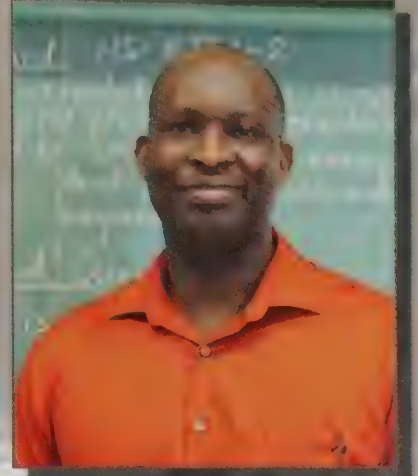
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Monika Hannemann



Danielle Kelly



Coi Morrison

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Science:  
Gustavo Ado  
Dorian Race



Paul Umrichin

"WE MUST HAVE PERSEVERANCE AND ABOVE ALL CONFIDENCE  
IN OURSELVES. WE MUST BELIEVE WE ARE GIFTED FOR  
SOMETHING AND THAT THIS THING MUST BE ATTAINED."

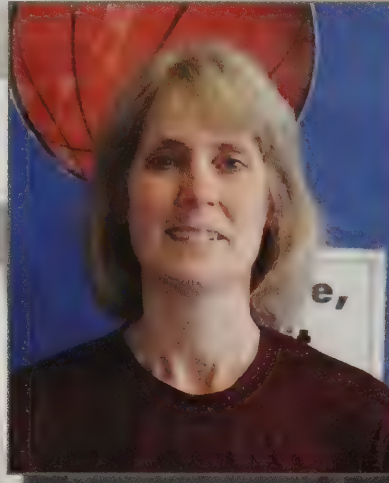
~MARIE CURIE~



# HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION FACULTY



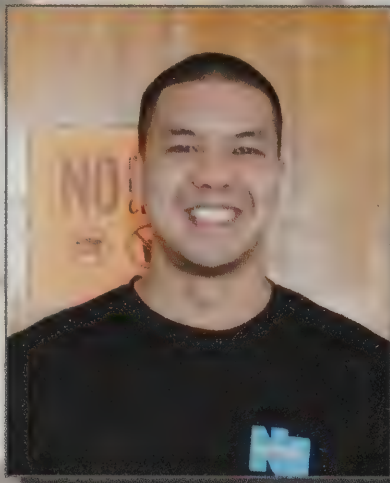
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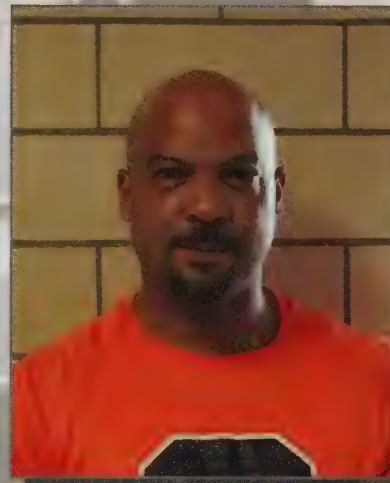
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John Trieu



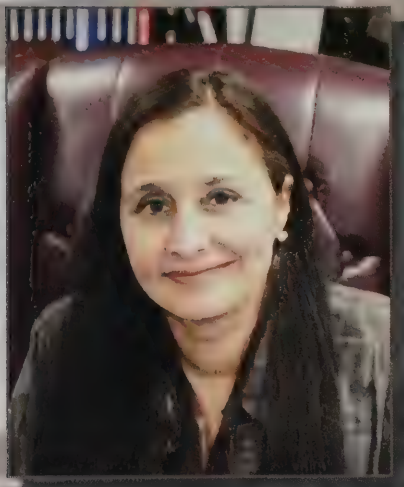
Kevin Ware

"THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO TRY AND INSPIRE PEOPLE  
SO THAT THEY CAN BE GREAT IN WHATEVER THEY WANT TO DO."

~KOBE BRYANT~



# CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION



Dr. Liza Lopez  
Law Academy



Majid Mirza  
Computer Science

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Leetwuan Snowden  
Teaching Academy

## MUSIC

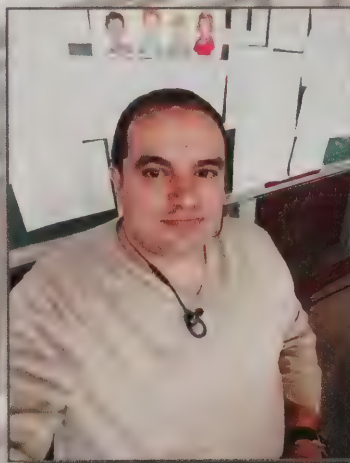
## WORLD LANGUAGES



Ishawnn Dixon



Kathleen Singh



Amir Guergues



Elliot Ramo

“TO CREATE ONE’S WORLD IN ANY OF THE ARTS  
TAKES COURAGE.”  
~GEORGIA O’KEEFFE

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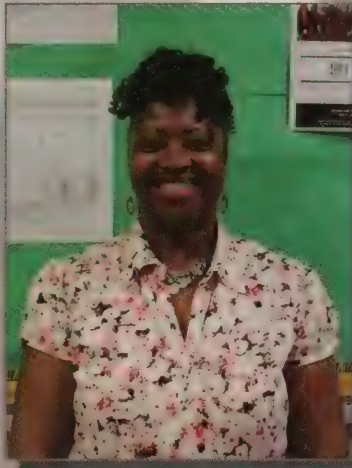
Roxana Cangre



# UHS SUPPORT STAFF



**Dr. Lawren Monroe**  
Social Worker II



**Monic Lockett**  
Guidance Counselor



**Ifeoma Obaze**  
Guidance Counselor



**Maria Peralta**  
Guidance Counselor



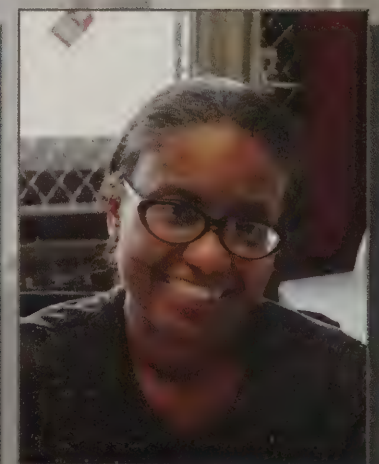
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Social Psychologist



**Stephanie Bassitt**  
School Social Worker



**Andrea Schechter**  
Learning Disabilities  
Teacher Consultant



**Yolanda Spicer**  
Social Nurse



**Denise Holland**  
School Clerk



**Enid Morales**  
School Clerk

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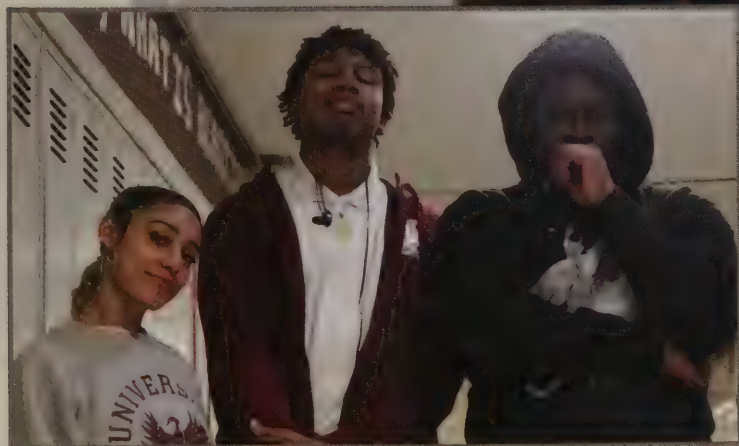
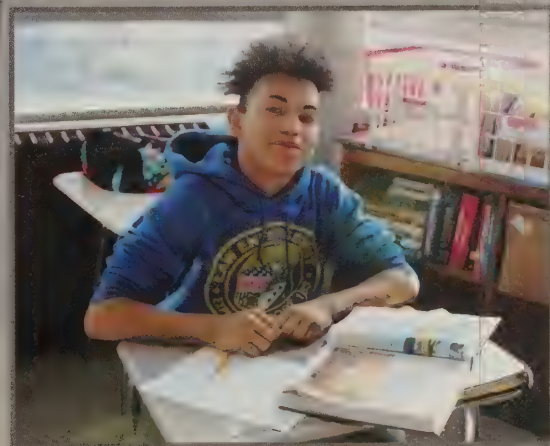
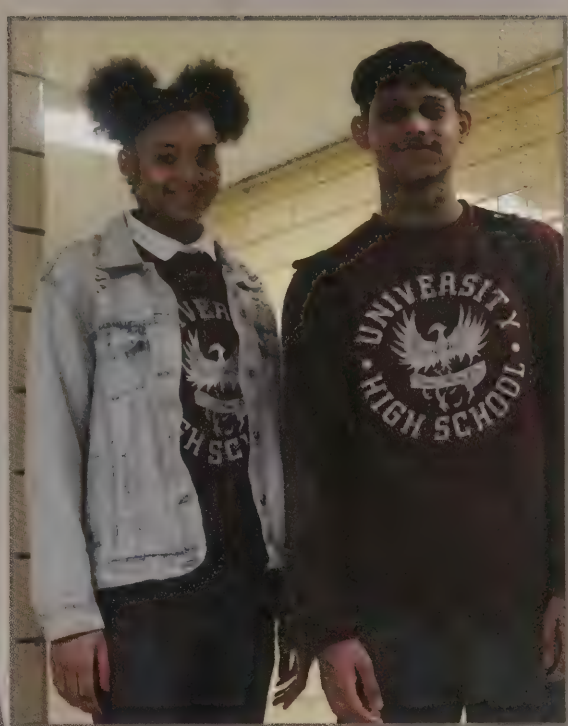
Elijah Allen  
Attendance Counselor

Shaleika Thompson Liggins  
Family Liaison

"WE ALL NEED SOMEONE WE CAN COUNT ON.  
HAVING A SUPPORT SYSTEM IS INTEGRAL TO  
PEACE OF MIND."

~ANONYMOUS





## UNIVERSITY'S UNDERCLASSMEN



# 7TH GRADE



ZANIYAH N AUSTIN



RIHANNAH KIMORA BELL



EYONNIE FAITH DESSIN



GREGORY SHAWN EDWARDS-  
MARSHALL



TYJANAE CHANTE FLEMING



HAILEY E GARCIA



AL-TARIQ R HAMILTON



RASHANNA ELIZABE JAMES-  
FRISON



MIA LACHELLE JONES



DANIEL MAHKI MCCLEES



SHAREE AMAIYAH  
MCCUTCHEEN



OMODOLA ELIZABET  
OGUNSOLA



# GIFTED AND TALENTED



YASSAN TAJEE PARRISH



AMBER TAJA'E PEYNADO



DI'MANAY RA' INA RANDOLPH



JAHSYN REID



NAAZHIR SWANGIN



KI-LIN LYNEA THOMAS



NAH'IYYAH WILLIAMS



AH'MAD ZAHIR WOODARD



AHZAE'AH AHZAKI WOODARD

"Very little is needed to make a happy life;  
it is all within yourself, in your way of  
thinking. -Marcus Aurelius

# 8TH GRADE



DAVID ALLEN



KYREESE ALLEN



DEVIN ARTIS



TYRIQUE BEARD



YAMIA NYKIA BERMUDEZ



HAASIR BLACK



TREASJOUR CALDWELL



DEJON CHRISTIAN CORRY



ZAINA FUENTES



ALVIN Y GONZALEZ



A'KELA HAYNES



SONIA MUSA



# GIFTED AND TALENTED



ADRIAN OTTAH



IMANI SHYNIAH PORT



URIAH PRICE



ZAKIYAH LASHAWN  
RICHARDSON



ZAHIR ALGEIR RODWELL



NASIHA WARREN

"Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson



# FRESHMEN



CHRISTOPHER JAIR  
AMAYA



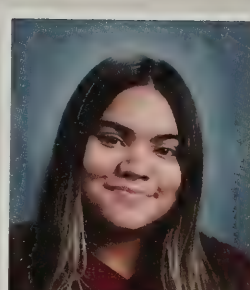
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KHYASIA N  
ANDREWS



DANIA AQUINO



ALAYJAH S ARTIS



ARIANA ARTIS



EGYPT S ATWATER



DRAKE JOSEPH  
BARNES



ZAKIE BERRY



FAWAZ BILEWU



DOMONIQUE D  
BRADFORD



AMIA L BUSH



DESTINY MONAE  
BYNUM-JOHNSON



SEJADA M  
CAMPBELL



DIANA C CAMPOS



TIFFANY RACHEL  
CARCHI



TA'JAHNAE M CLARK



DEIRDRE JEWEL  
CORBETT



CRISTIAN  
CUATLAYOTL



# CLASS OF 2023



DELIMAR CUEVAS-  
NUNEZ



ISAIYAH T  
CUMMINGS



MALACHI KENTON  
DAVID



MYA E DAVIS



LUIS Y DIAZ



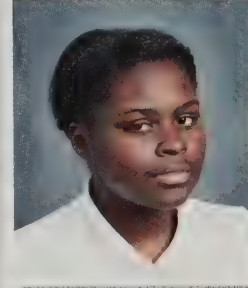
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ISAIAH A DRISKER



DARIUS EDWARD



EGYPT I FERGUSON



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FLEMMING



ABSALOM A  
FUENTES



JAH-SIN GRAHAM



KIARA MICHELLE  
HALL



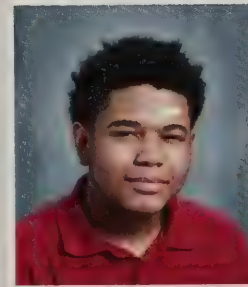
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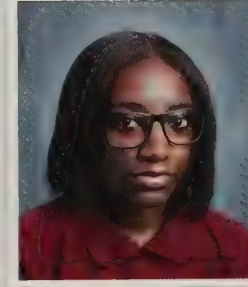
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ALI M KELLY



ARIANA SANAA  
KINCY



TAMIA LABERTH



NAKIRA-NORRIS JA  
LAW



# FRESHMEN



STEVE JUAN LUIS



ANDRE MATTHEWS



MICAH MCCANTS



RYLIE S MCMILLAN



ANGEL MERCADO



C'WAN IDRIS MERRITT



ADOUR'E MITCHELL-  
WILLIAMS



FAQUIR SAAD MOSLEY



BRANDON NERO



ELIJON HASSAN NIX



NAA NORKOR NOI



MICHAEL CHIBUEZE  
OGBUEHI



BRANDON PALACIOS



ARSHAD MUAYAD  
PERSAUD



AZLEM JANAISA  
RIVERA



JEREMY ARIEL  
SALDANA



JANASIA K SCOTT



LERON S SIMON



ANGEL SKYLAH  
SIMPSON



BRITNEY S SINCLAIR



# CLASS OF 2023



MESSIAN SLADE



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COREY A STAGGERS



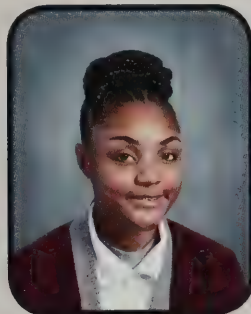
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ASHLEY TEJADA



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THERLONGE



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TOLBERT



HIDIYAH E TORRES



SAGE ANAI VERNON-  
RODNEY



ZOLANNI DANIELLE  
WARREN



KIYOMIE BEATRICE  
WARSAW-RICH



PERIS ANNA WILLIAMS



TAE'JEAN WILSON



MIKAYLA S WOMACK



HUNTER A YALE



KAWIONA YOUNG



LITHZY YUPA



# SOPHOMORES



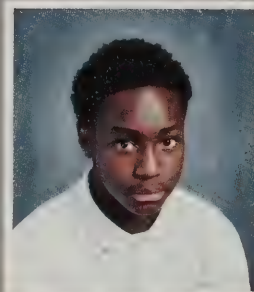
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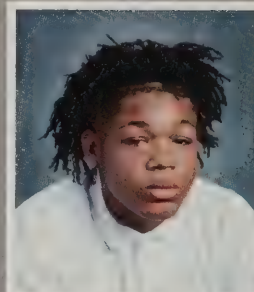
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ALLEN III



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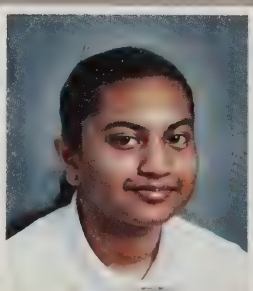
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CHASE



ANDREA  
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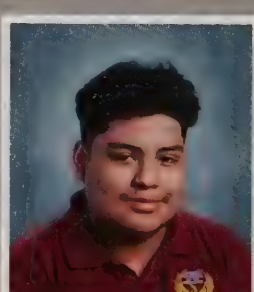
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# CLASS OF 2022



MIA FINNEY



STEPHON FLOOD



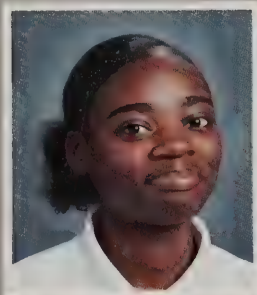
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GILMORE



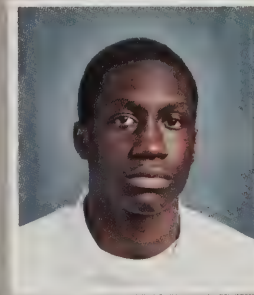
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GRIFFIN



NIA L HAMILTON



TRISTIN N  
HARCOURT



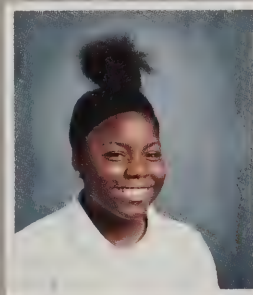
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NYDIA HERNANDEZ



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FREDDY JORGE



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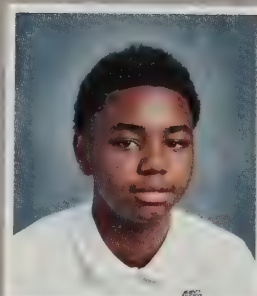
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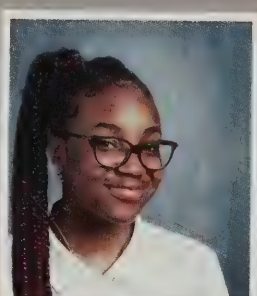
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ZANIYYAH  
PARRAMORE



AL-TAIJA A  
PATTERSON



NASIR PRICE



TALMAISHA EUNICE  
RAINEY



OCTAVIA D RAMSAY



NAIRYAH SIMONE  
RICHARDSON



ANGEL L RIOS



REBECA T RIOS



SETH ETHAN  
ROBERTSON



SHANIA D ROBIN



HALLIA L ROBINSON



# CLASS OF 2022



SA'DIYYAH M  
ROBINSON



JAIRUS ROBINSON-  
HICKS



ANGELY RODRIGUEZ



CHRIS R RODRIGUEZ



ROSALIE  
RODRIGUEZ



KATLYNN ROSARIO



XAVIER RUSSELL



KIANA M SANDERS



ALDEQUAN SCOVIL



HASSON MARCUS  
SIMPSON



EYMANI S SMITH



BRITNEY SOLANO



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FLEUR



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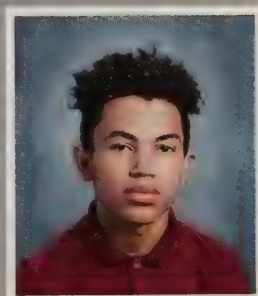
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YASHIER RASHID  
THOMAS



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BAKER



NICOLAS TORRES



KYMORE TRAIL-  
BARTON



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UTHAYASOORIYA



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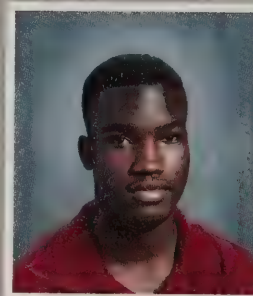
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WASHINGTON



MARK WOUBEY



MATTHEW WOUBEY



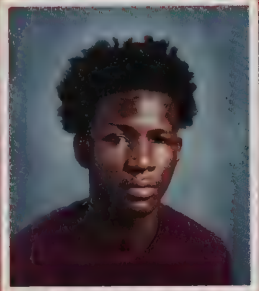
ALJAHMEIR YASSIR  
YOUNG

*“What you get by achieving your goals is  
not as important as what you become by  
achieving your goals.”*

*~ Henry David Thoreau*



# JUNIORS



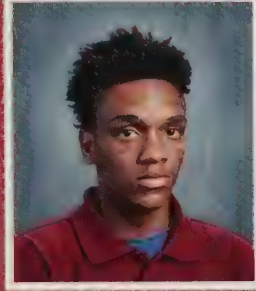
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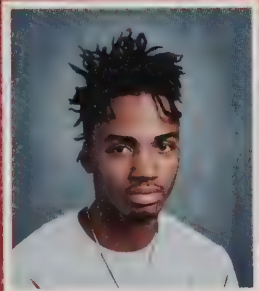
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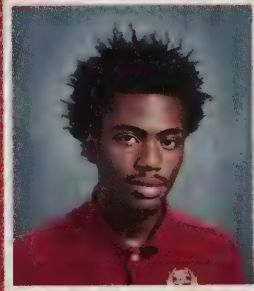
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TYE ARTIS



AMOS ATIEMO



ANDREUS J BAKER



JAYLA BLACKMAN



BIANCA DOREEN  
BOGGS



ANIYAH EVELYN  
BOYER



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BUNCH



BULEY CAMARA



SAKIYAH CAMPBELL



TIARA GISELLE  
CANDELARIO



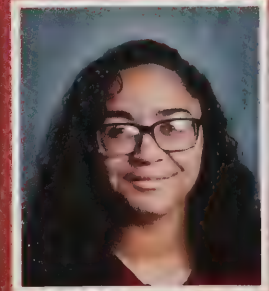
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CLARK



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CLEVELAND



JANAIE AMAURI  
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CRAWFORD



RANDY MIGUEL  
CUEVAS



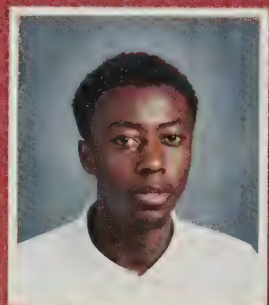
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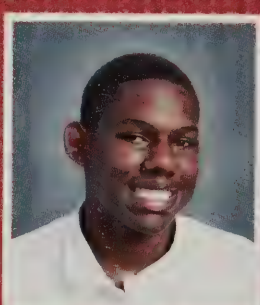
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EVANS



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KAYLA GLOVER



MIAJA ANYEA  
GOODS



JORDET GRANT



SHYONNA HAGINS



JUSTIN OSARO  
HARCOURT



QUIAN RAHMANN  
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JANAYSHA M  
HAYDEN



ASHLEIGH JOCHELL  
HOWARD-JONES



LEAH A HUDSON



# CLASS OF 2021



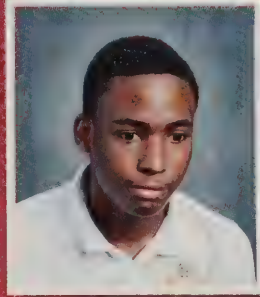
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TARA DAYE  
JOHNSON



TONI RACHEL ANN  
JOHNSON



JASON LEWIS



SHANIA JOY LIGGINS



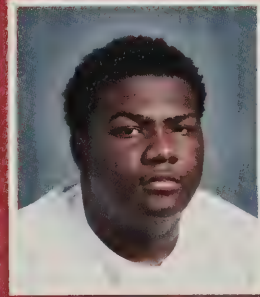
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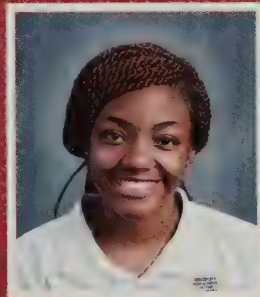
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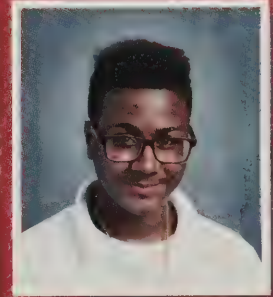
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NABE



DANIEL TREVON  
PAYNE



ZIYAAD M PERSAUD



JERRON PHILLIPS



# JUNIORS



JASMINE G POLLARD



KIMBERLY GAYLE  
POOLE



ORLENE LATANYA  
RAYMOND



LIZETTE REYES



JUDEA E RUSH



NAOMI SANGUINETTE



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AMBER E SMITH



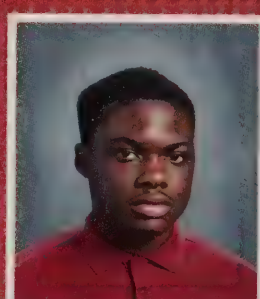
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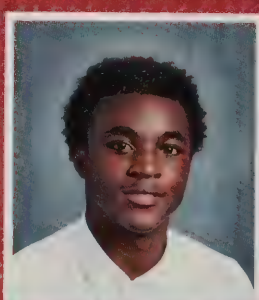
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VINCENT TROWELL



ANNIYAH L TUCKER



JARED SHANE  
VARNADO



OMAR VEGA



KYIA ROSE VENABLE



# CLASS OF 2021



DONOVAN WADLEY



MERCY D. WAH



JAWAN WALKER



SIDNEY M. WILLIAMS



ZYNAIJAH ARMANI  
WRIGHT



JACERE E. YOUNGER

*"Show me a person who has never made a  
mistake and I'll show you someone who has  
never achieved much."*

*~Joan Collins*



# Farewell from your Class Advisor Mrs. Jones



Dear Class of 2020,

I have to admit, I've avoided writing this letter for quite some time now. Part of it is because I have given you my thoughts and "pearls" of wisdom all year through Ms. Jones' Daily Messages. At this point, I've got nothing left to say. Well, no, that's not true. If I'm being completely honest as I usually try to be with you guys, I don't want to say goodbye. I wish we had more time. Three years just wasn't enough. So,

let me say something I haven't said to you all and that is thank you.

Thank you Zhae and Devon for twisting my arm to be your class advisor at the start of your sophomore year. I have to confess; I was planning to drop you guys at the end of the year. But, right from the word yes, we got to work. We had class elections and I met Nasire, Shaphan, Amayah, Znariah each of them had great energy and ideas for how to make their remaining time at University great. Right away, we started prepping for our first pep rally where we all wore those dope gray t-shirts. (Shout to out Yoskar for the design.) And then, one by one I got to know a little more about each of you, and I knew you were a special group of young people who I'm proud to know.

Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication, a special thank you to our very own Mayor, Naeem who kept me on my toes and used his connections to keep me organized making sure I followed through. You all have been the brains behind this operation, all I did was assist and supervise each and every one of your big ideas. Without the participation of the class of 2020, we wouldn't have had successful parties, dope school swag, senior trip to VA, our senior picnic at Liberty State Park, and all of the other fun things we did was all because of each of you and your energy. Cause I was tired, but I pushed through because I couldn't let you all down. To my lunch crew: Ameer, Kalia, MaQuayla, Dreonna and the other regulars who popped in for gossip and work sessions that revolved around food. I don't know what I'm going to do next year when I have to eat my lunch and spend my prep periods alone.

Whenever I hear the line, "I used to pray for times this, to rhyme like this. So, I had to grind like that to shine like this" from Meek Mill's song I will forever think of the class of 2020. Because when you start shining out the world, just know that I'll still be in your corner rooting for you. Greatness lies ahead if you're bold enough to go for it. I'm telling you now, I want to hear about and or get invites to all special occasions and monumental celebrations. While, this is the end of an era, it is not the end of our journey together. And on that note, I'll leave you with this final message; What you feed will grow. What you give power to will have power over you. So, guard your energy and move unapologetically toward your dreams.

Peace and love.

Mrs. Jones



# The Vision

The Class of 2020





# Class of 2020 Valedictorian Tosin Adebayo



Wow. It's come to the end. These four years went by like four weeks. I can still remember sitting in that stuffy auditorium waiting to get my very first schedule while looking at the seniors then who were ecstatic to graduate. Now it's us. This feeling of finality has finally kicked in. These past four years have been a time of insightful and intellectual moments I will take on with me as I journey into the next phase of my life. To every student, I just want you to know you guys made my

high school experience. From the brief hi's in the hallways to full blown goofy conversations in the lunchroom, to the Socratic seminars and various afterschool activities, you all helped shape my idea of an ideal community. One that comes together to make things happen despite any obstacles thrown our way. An example would be, when we came up with our senior entrance the day before the pep rally and completely aced it, as if we had been rehearsing for weeks. In that gym, we were all one. Our differences were set aside that day as we danced together and grinned from ear to ear because we were sharing a liberating moment as seniors. If there's anything I want you guys to take away from high school, it's the idea of unity. When we leave this building forever, we will all enter the real world as adults. Whatever you decide to do when you leave is entirely up to you, but never forget that there is a family of scholars for you, should things not go your way. The relationships you've built here will last a lifetime, whether you agree or not. Never doubt your potential, because each and every one of you has the potential to be great, no matter how society views you. To all the teachers, I advise you to persevere. I have seen the struggle you go through trying to hold a whole class on your shoulders. You are appreciated for going above and beyond to make sure we get the education we deserve. Realize, there will always be a kid or two who will struggle and it is your job, not to look down on the kid, but to look for ways in which you can assist them in learning better. If you don't already know, you guys shape the courses of their future. The things you say and do could either be a stepping stone in the right direction or a hindrance to their achievements. This is your power, use it wisely. I want to give a special thanks to the entire English Department. You all are wonderful teachers and have aided me in becoming an amazing writer while helping me to shape my views on the hectic world we live in. To everyone, again, I thank you for these last four years and the relationships I have built with you. The Class of 2020 really is something. It is time for us to show the world how spectacular we are. Congratulations, to the Class of 2020!



# Class of 2020 Salutatorian Devon Christopher Corry



To be or not to be; I think we heard that for most of the year RIGHT?

But let's finally ask ourselves that question

To be or not to be, and what were we?

We were everything

But now the REAL question is

To leave or not to leave,

I need to authoritatively begin this out by giving a huge shout out to my peeps that have been here since the seventh grade. We truly can bear witness to what this excursion is and will always carry the Phoenix on our backs. However, what is similarly as amazing is that we are here together.

2020 will everlastingly go down in the history books. We utilized our capacity; our quality; our intelligence, and we won. We stand high, we look nowhere but up, we stand in the sun! We are the victors. While the others aren't failures, we are best in class. So ironic, 2020 was our year, such an ideal vision, and none of us could've possibly seen this coming. While they may have removed a portion of those milestones; milestones that you would consider important to celebrate around your companions. While they may have stripped us away from that, they would never remove our resilience, our ambition, and above all, our joy. What we will take from this senior year, is that it was a ton of learning and character building. Modesty. Optimism. Versatility. Immunity. Nimblity. Grandiosity. That spell is moving. Moving to the next part of our lives, yet not overlooking where we originated from. Moving to a point where we could celebrate, making up time that we lost due to "The Rona". Moving to a point in our lives, where we had sufficient opportunity to understand that being bound to your house isn't life. This world is our own, on the grounds that we did everything that they said we would never do. We will slaughter them with success and longevity! When Barack Obama said "YES WE CAN!" it was for individuals like us. When Dr. King said "I Have A Dream!", it was for individuals like us. At the point when Kobe said "These youthful folks are playing checkers. I'm out there playing chess." that was for us. Imploring on our defeat, praying on our downfall. They will never see something like this from us! In the event that I absolutely never observe any of you in person one day, I trust I can luxuriate in the climate of your prosperity, when I see you standing out as truly newsworthy on the media, entertaining those sitting on their couches as they watch TV, supporting your businesses, serving us as leaders in the nation, or even better, in the world! The true definition of "when there is a will, there is a way!" So to end this Class of 2020, I wish all of you the best of luck. From here we can only go up! Now the cards are in our hands to deal. Bless up! It's been REAL! Genuinely, Your Salutatorian, SGA President Devon Christopher Corry



# Class of 2020



Emani Abdullah

I'm thankful for those who said NO to me. You showed me I can do it with NO help.  
#LLBEBO



Ayisha Abubakar

Oh, I hate my last name...but I'm still bad though.



Tosin Adebayo

"Being alive means stepping over what is imposed as acceptable or rational."  
-Miles Carter



Shaniyah Adote

"Only the limits of your imaginations can determine how far you go in life  
-Meek Mills

## Watch Us Rise Up!



Enjoy everyday  
as if it were the  
last, and cherish  
everything you  
hold dear to  
your heart and  
mind.



Delmar Aikens-Berry

Whenever you  
remember times  
gone by,  
remember how  
we held our  
heads so high."  
-Carrie  
Underwood



Aricelis Amezcuita

The moment I  
fell in love with  
becoming the  
best version of  
myself, I  
succeeded in  
ending things  
with a BANG!



Chidiogo Anemelu

Waited 3,285  
days for my  
diploma it's  
highly not  
recommended.



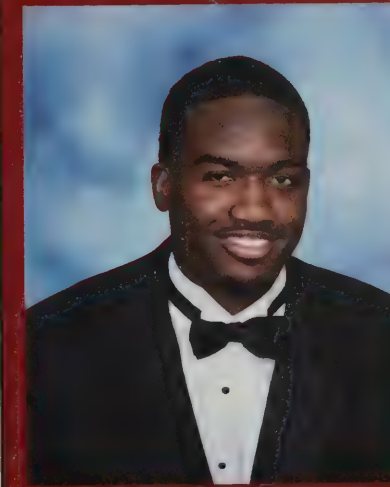
Samiyah Auguste

"They know I'm  
headed to the  
top like a toupe!"  
-Nicki Minaj



Jamir Baker

"Life without  
dreaming is a  
life without  
meaning."  
-Wale



Yasir Baptiste





Malaina Barrett

"Sigh\* can't believe they expected me to fit all my good qualities into 20 words. The Audacity.  
-Malaina Barrett



Shah Begum

One day I will be married to a rich Arab prince with an army of 6000 goats and a really fluffy coat.



Aazi Bembry

"I just wanna learn and I wanna grow. I wanna consume as much information as possible. I wanna be great."  
-Kid Cudi



Khalif Bey

"You can't cheat the grind, it knows how much you've invested, it won't give you nothing you haven't worked for."  
-Eric Thomas



Vandemir Bland

"You better watch where you step when you follow the drip. Don't wanna die young just like Roddy Rich - Gotti

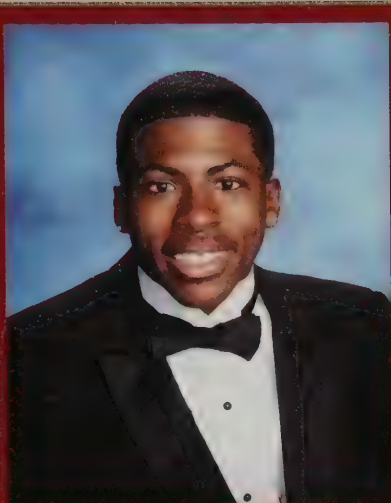


Daniela Bobadilla

"You can't put a limit on anything. The more you dream, the further you get."  
-Michael Phelps



You don't realize  
now what I'm  
doing but later  
you'll  
understand...



Nahzae Branch

I'm the chosen  
one, diamonds  
never pick  
themselves!



Nasire Branch

"I am the  
Quarterback of  
my own life, I'm  
in my fourth  
overtime and I  
can not lose."



Zhae Braswell

"I spent  
113,800 hours  
in hell for a  
piece of paper  
and a  
handshake."  
-Anonymous



Dajan'e Brothers

"If you're brave  
enough to say  
goodbye, life will  
reward you with  
a new hello."  
-Paulo Coelho



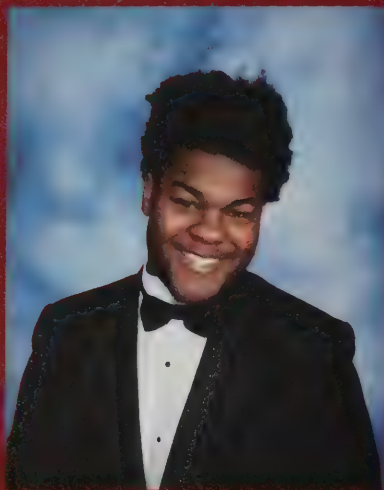
Briana Brown

"Everything that  
I done been  
through made  
me who I am  
right now"  
-Megan



Kianna Brown





Shaphan  
Callahan-Longus

"Never forget  
what you are,  
the world will  
not. Make it  
your strength.  
Then it can  
never be your  
weakness."  
-Tyrion  
Lannister



Shukur Carmichael

Message Here:



Jahari  
Carter-Smallwood

The senior  
quotes due  
today?



Shakira Ceesay

Stay tuned. -  
me



Sapphire Charles

Be a beautiful  
soul with vibes  
people crave.



Maliha Chowdhury

Time to wake  
up...In case  
you were  
wondering, I  
was napping.



There is no better feeling than finally being able to say goodbye to this place.



Riniah Christmas

"The worst part of success is, to me, adapting to it. Its scary."  
-Kendrick Lamar



Marcus Cineus

LOVE, PEACE,  
PROSPERITY,  
BOOMIN



Andre Corielan

"RULE #1,  
NEVER BE  
#2.....unless  
you're me."



Devon Christopher  
Corry

"Giving up doesn't always mean you're weak. Sometimes you're just strong enough to let go."  
-Taylor Swift



Deijah Davis

"Sometimes you don't realize how far you've gotten until you look around at the people who are still trailing behind you."  
-Nicki Minaj



Kamill Dawkins





Julio De Los Santos

"However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at."  
-Stephen Hawking



Priscilla Dwumfour

What can I say about High school? I laughed. I cried. It was fun. I'm glad that's over!



Dakari Ervin

"If you get your diploma I'll run outside naked."  
-My dad



Elianeth Espada

"Life is what you make of it, so think pretty things. \*inserts magical emoji\*" -Married



T'Asia Furbert

If you follow your dreams, you are capable of anything.



Arian Fogle

I came. I saw. I conquered. I'm out!!!



"No matter who you are, where you're from, your skin colour, gender identity: speak yourself."  
-Kim Namjoon (BTS)



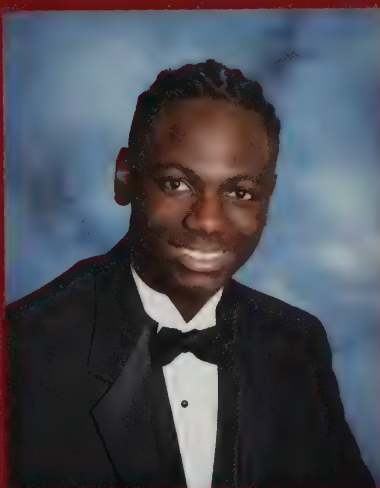
Alisandra Garcia

"I swear to god I don't even know how I did it."  
-A Boogie



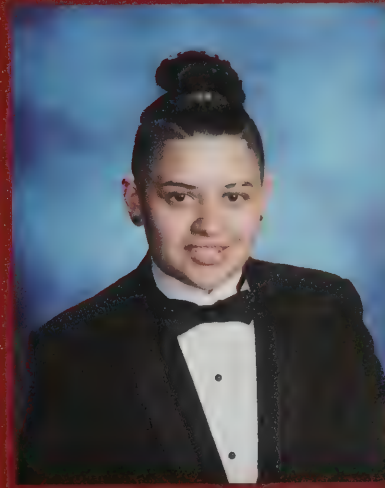
Ronnell Garry

"If you're brave enough to say goodbye, life will reward you with a new hello."  
-Paulo Coelho



Naeem Gibbons

I can honestly say that I'm the happiest I have ever been with myself.



Ericka Gonzalez

"I don't like to gamble, but if there's one thing I'm willing to bet on, it's myself."  
~Beyonce



Kalia Hatcher

"I'm not all great with the advice. Can I interest you in a sarcastic comment."  
-Chandler Bing



Odir Herrera





Sierra Hightower

I used to be jealous of Harry Potter for being able to talk to snakes but it turns out I've been doing for years.



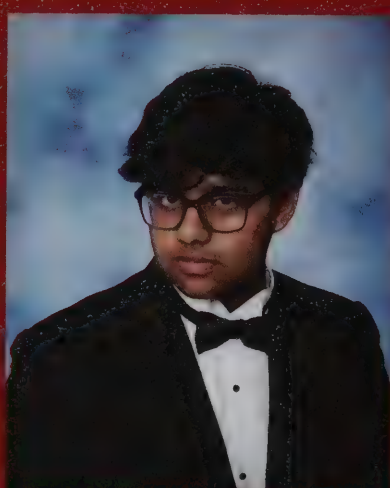
Keir Hodge

All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them...let the next chapter begin.



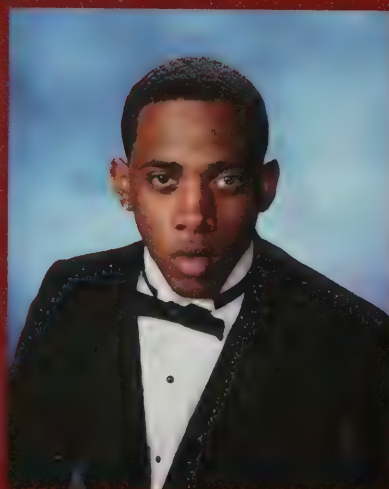
Ciarra Hodges

Seek discomfort by putting yourself in new and uncomfortable situations and overcoming them is the only way to grow and succeed in life.



Rafi Hossain

"Oh, I'll tell you all about it when I see you again."  
-Charlie Puth



Asad Ingram

"As the marathon continues we keep going Hustle and motivate and turn a 1 into a 2."  
-Nipsey Hustle



Ameer Jackson

Some people make temporary appearances in your life while others make permanent impressions, so thanks for the appearance -me



Dear future self, 'Always remember who got you where you are today.'



Josselyn Jimenez

I want to thank Google, Quizlet, and whoever invented copy and paste. Thank you



Sara Jones

Fashion is almost like a religion, for me at least. Catch me at fashion week in NYC if you need me.



Reni'a Kennedy

"Why be what everyone else wants me to be when I can be ANYTHING?"  
-kween.kxng



Inyya King

"Your beginning never dictates your destination."  
-Tyler Perry



Shay'lah Lewis

I've learned from the bad times and was humbled by the good. Thank you for all of the great life lessons.



Noah Mack





Karla Mariano

"Don't spend all your time wondering what you are, who you like, whether it's right for you or wrong for you. Just let Yourself be Happy."  
-C.T



Ugochi Mbagwu

"They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself." - Andy Warhol



Jayden Mendoza

Be patient your time will come, the sun always shines after the storm.



Sajedah Mercer

"Let us make our future now, and let us make our dreams tomorrow's reality."  
-Malala Yousafzai



Amayah Mikell

People think with winning comes competition. Everybody's gonna eat the silverware just different.



Kazimir Miller

No more homework, no more books! No more teacher's dirty looks!



You determine  
your future no  
matter how  
hard life gets or  
where your  
childhood take  
you go gets  
what's yours.



Bayyinah Muhammad

"Happiness is  
not something  
ready-made. It  
comes from  
your own  
actions."  
-Dalai Lama



Katherine Naranjo

"Live in the lead,  
but always work  
hard like you  
are trying to  
catch up."  
-Meek Mill



Fortune Nwamara

I been on a  
mission with  
that 20/20  
vision.



Amina Oliver

Time is money,  
and a sis paying  
tuition, Real  
ones hustle by  
using their  
intuition.



Desiree Ortiz

Sometimes you  
have to take  
what you want,  
to be who you  
want to be.



MaQuayla Palmer





Siril Pettus

"Never sell your talent for someone else's wealth. Be your own boss."  
-Ms. Berman



Amaya  
Reed-Roberson

"Nothing is impossible. The word itself says I'm possible!"  
-Audrey Hepburn



Znariah Schaffer-White

Power is not given to you You have to take it!



Za'Mijaey Singleton

I was barely here but damn I look good in this picture.



Reginald Smith

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."  
-C.S. Lewis



Dreonna Starks-Jones

"She is going to forever say, 'I got this' even with tears in her eyes."  
-Unknown



Don't tell me the sky is the limit when there are footprints on the moon.  
#ZYHEIMAOUT



Zyheima Swint

Just remember when it gets tough that all diamonds come from the dirt before being dusted off.



Charlemagne Thomas

I need a room full of mirrors to be surrounded by winners.



Poline Toure

"The Office, Season 7, Episode 12, minute 9:38"



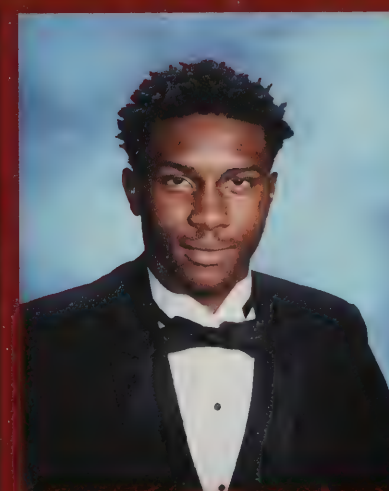
Christopher Vargas

"Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game, called life."  
-Babe Ruth,



Yoskar Vasquez-Díaz

I always been the unlucky ni\*\*a.... I'm forever the lucky kid.



Weinssetan Vincent





Tiyana Washington

I'm really THAT,  
the streets a  
vouch, the  
people vouch  
The jail a vouch,  
all the people in  
the feds a  
vouch.



Tiyonnie Washington

"Introverted not  
tryna kick it  
Private life  
please mind ya  
business"  
-Kevin Gates



Joshua White

College didn't  
look like the  
wave, so I chose  
to get yelled at  
by angry men in  
ranger hats on  
an island for the  
next 3 months.



Darius Williams

In this world we  
live in you gotta  
get it by any  
means  
necessary.



India Williams

Life is too short,  
Laugh a little!



Kamari Williams

My motto  
through high  
school: "Respect  
your haters.  
They're the only  
ones who think  
you're better  
than them."  
-Nicki Minaj



"Today I will do what others won't, so tomorrow I can do what others can't."

-Jerry Rice



Zaire Williams

"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory"

-Dr.Seuss



Amira Wolfe

"I don't think I was born beautiful I just think I was born me"

-Naomi Campbell



Miniya Womack

"High school is a lot like toilet paper you only miss it when it's gone"



Johnasia Wright

High school was ghetto. 1/5 would not recommend... The flamingos were my favorite  
@Shaphan



Lafayia Wright

Don't live your life being an awkward mess. Step out of your comfort zone. You won't regret it.



Ezequiel Zurita



# Baby Faces OF 2020

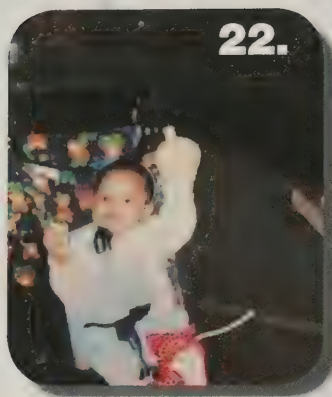
## Guess Who?















# *The Big Reveal!*

1. Yasir Baptiste
2. Zhae Braswell
3. Siomara Campos
4. Znariah Schaffer-White
5. Sierra Hightower
6. Zyheima Swint
7. Samiyah Auguste
8. Lafayia Wright
9. Za'Mijaey Singleton
10. Yoskar Vasquez-Diaz
11. Zaire Williams
12. Siril Pettus
13. Shay'lah Lewis
14. Tiyana & Tiyonnie Washington
15. Sara Jones

16. Malaina Barrett
17. Shaniyah Adote
18. Marcus Cineus
19. Quayanah Roberts
20. Noah Mack
21. Poline Toure
22. Miniya Womack
23. Delmar Aikens-Berry
24. Karla Mariano
25. Jamirr Baker
26. Fortune Nwamara
27. Arian Fogle
28. Kalia Hatcher
29. Kamari Williams
30. Dreonna Starks-Jones

31. Johnasia Wright
32. Ameer Jackson
33. Ericka Gonzalez
34. Desiree Ortiz
35. Devon Christopher Corry
36. Darius Williams
37. Daniela Bobadilla
38. Amaya Reed-Roberson
39. Dajan'e Brothers
40. Asad Ingram
41. Ciarra Hodges





# University's Home Grown

## EARLY HIGH SCHOOLERS



It has been a long journey for these 24 seniors who started their academic journey at University as 7th graders. As they now embark on a different path, they will continue to Pay It Forward and show their Phoenix Pride!

*Emani Abdullah, Jamirr Baker, Vandemir Bland, Nasire Branch, Zhae Braswell, Sapphire Charles, Devon Christopher Corry, Kamill Dawkins, Jason Easter, Kalila Hatcher, Odir Herrera, Sierra Hightower, Cierra Hodges, Asad Ingram, Kavon Mack, Amayah Mikell, Siril Pettus, Dany Rodriguez, Yoskar Vasquez-Diaz, Tiyana Washington, Tiyonnie Washington, India Williams, Johnasia Wright, and La'Fayia Wright.*

Good luck to our very own Home Grown Early High Schoolers.

"The world you desire can be won, it exists, it is real, it is possible, it is yours."

~Ayn Rand



# *This was then...*



Emani Abdullah



Jamirr Baker



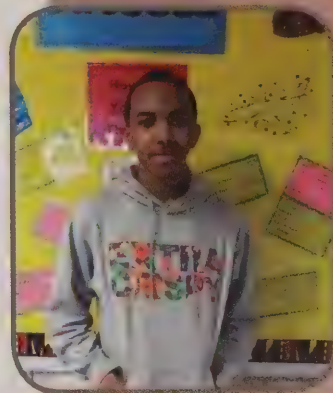
Zhae Braswell



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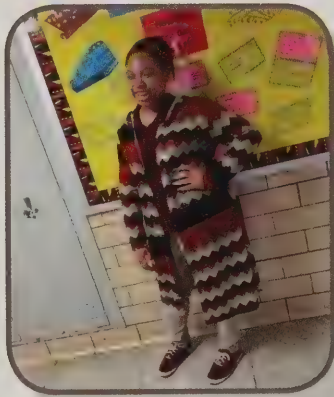
Vandemir Bland



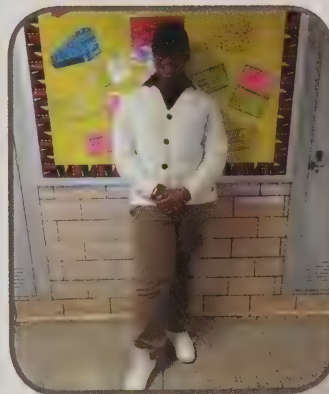
Nasire Branch



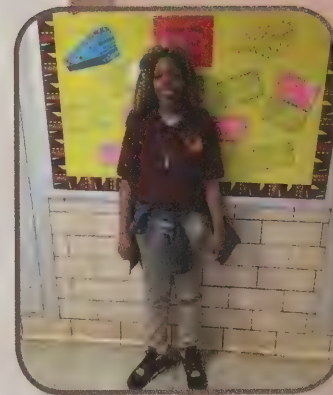
Jason Easter



Kalia Hatcher



Devon Christopher  
Corry



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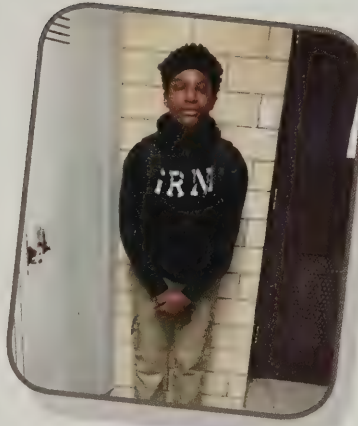




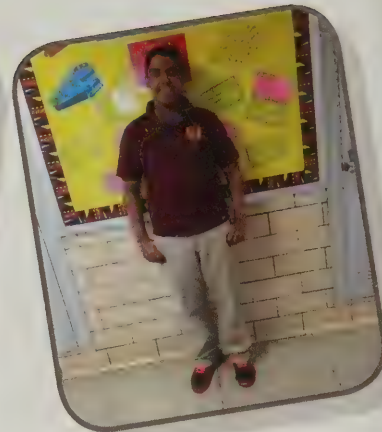
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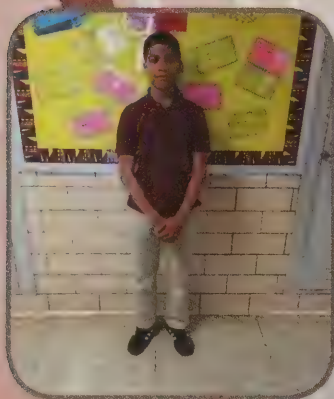
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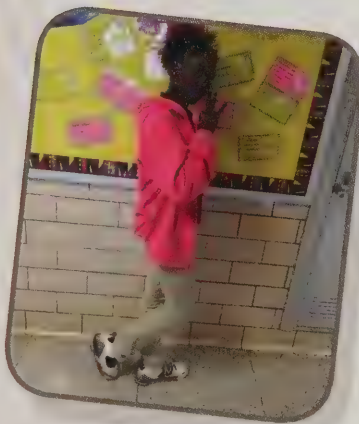
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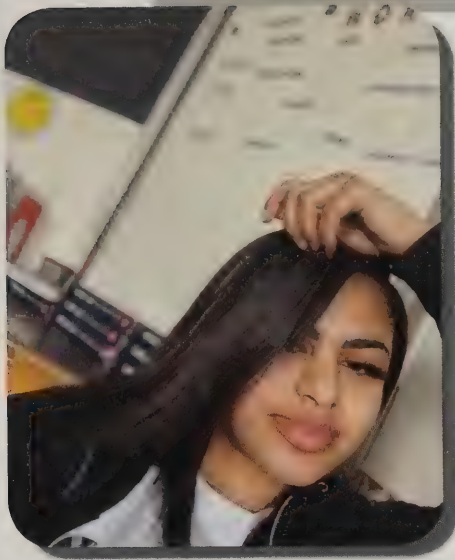


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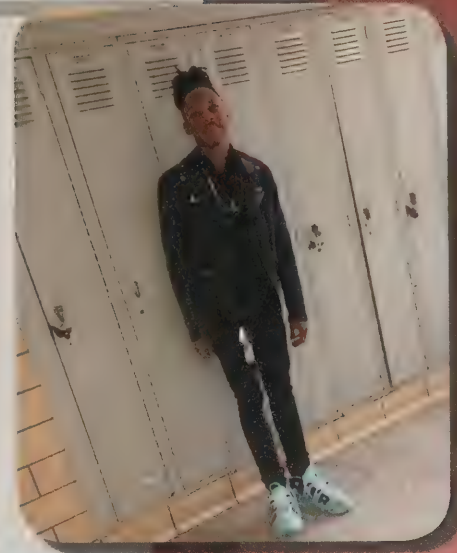
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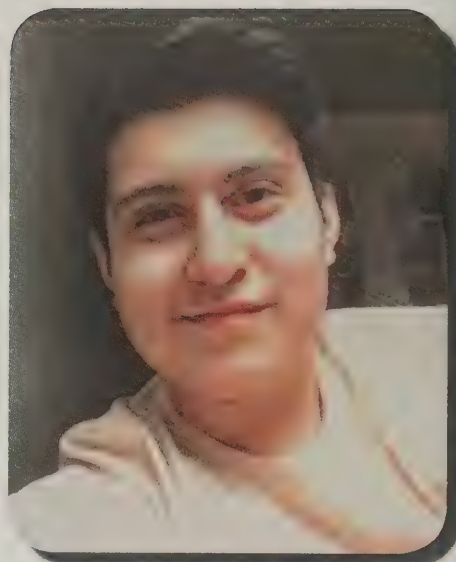




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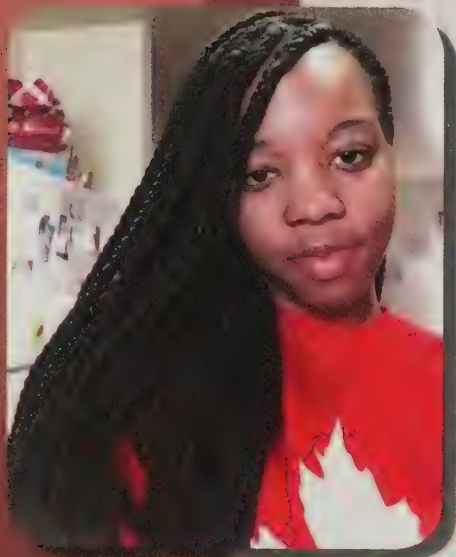
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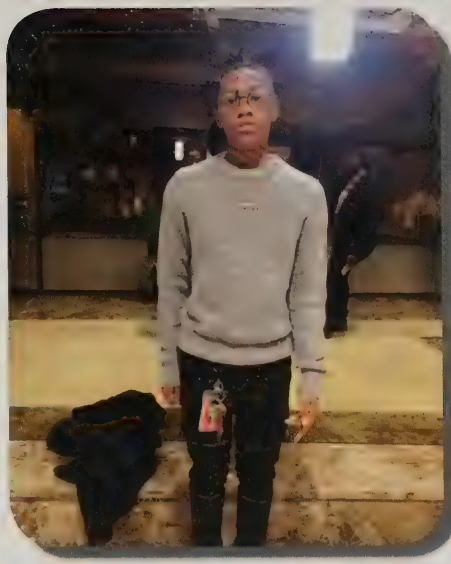


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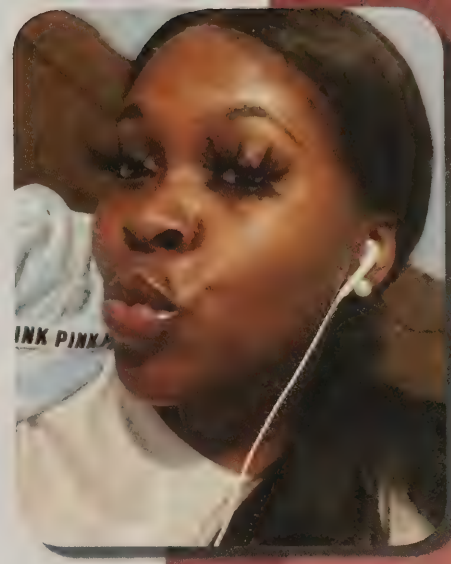




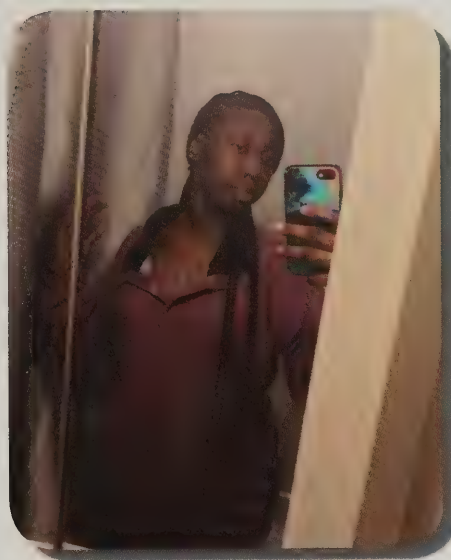
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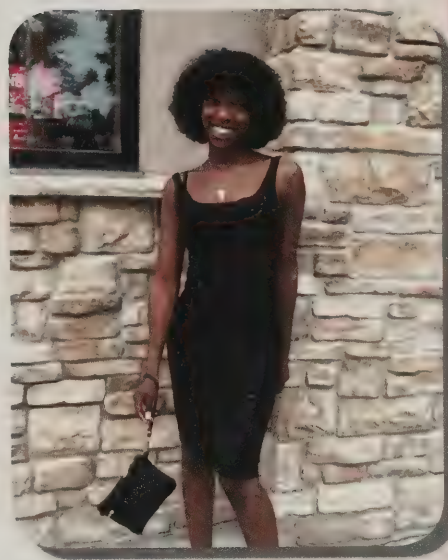
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Moving on to a new stage in life can be a challenging process. We wish you the best of luck in all of your future endeavors, you will be great.



BEST of the BEST

Prime Performers



JAMIRR BAKER



MAQUAYLA PALMER



Kindest Kids



JULIO DE LOS SANTOS



NEVAEH PADILLA



BEST of the BEST

SAMIYAH AUGUSTE



Moves Like Jagger



JAMIRR BAKER



Quiet As A Mouse



EZEQUIEL ZURITA



SHAH BEGUM



Loud As A Lion



DEVON CHRISTOPHER CORRY



ZHAE BRASWELL



Future Presidents



NASIRE BRANCH



NAHEEM GIBBONS



DEVON CHRISTOPHER CORRY



Most Contagious Laugh



KALIA HATCHER

Always Sleeping in School



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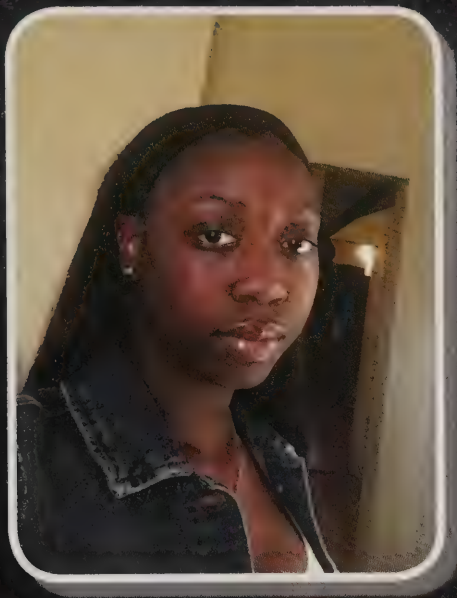
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Life of the Party



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Million Dollar Smiles



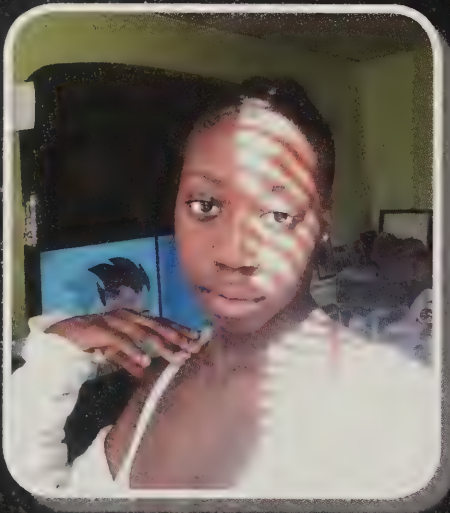
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High Quality Hair



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All Around Athlete



**JAMIRR BAKER**



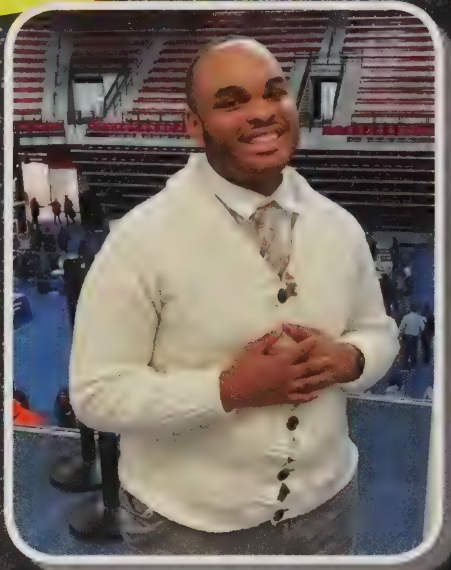
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Teacher's Pets



DEVON CHRISTOPHER CORRY



ZHAE BRASWELL



Headed to Hollywood



SHAPHAN CALLAHAN-LONGUS



MALAINA BARRETT



# Drama King & Queen

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BAYYINAH MUHAMMAD



"It is better to fail in originality  
than to succeed in imitation."

~Herman Melville



# STUDENT LIFE









# NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY



The National Honors Society invests heavily and bleeds the four pillars: scholarship, leadership, community service and character. I could recall back to May 2017, the day of induction. I was psyched and especially glad for myself for completing out my freshman year in superb academic standing. The most important thing I recalled from that whole day, was the point at which they lit our candles to blow out at the conclusion of our induction, my fire was bigger than everyone else's. I blew it out and lit it again, and still, a similar outcome happened. Who realized that my mammoth fire would symbolize something, for example, noteworthy as becoming the president of such a renowned association of high academia and service? When the opportunity was placed in my grasp, there was no chance that I was not going to take it. I would be remiss if I did not shout out Tara Johnson, Mercy Wah, and Tosin Adebayo

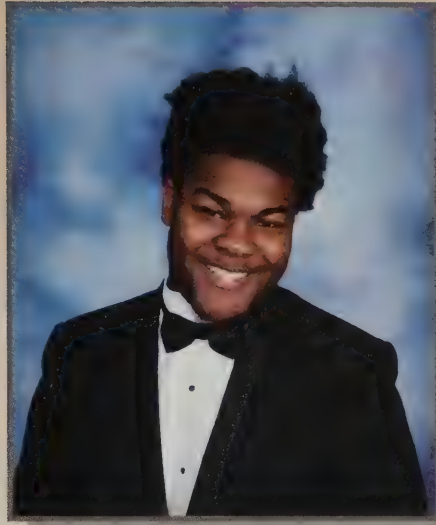
(Class of 2020 valedictorian), for giving a respectable rivalry for this position. They are all amazing individuals and there is no doubt in my mind that they would have served you all, simply an astounding administration, had they have been granted the chance to do as such. These past 4 years have been brimming with quality work among the entirety of our members, practicing a few character characteristics outside of our four columns, including modesty and strength. I should offer my thanks for every counsel that we had for these previous four years that held it down, when they were prepared to dispose of our association. Much thanks to you Ms. Osoria, Mr. Hood, Mr. DeFalco, and Ms. Lockett. I could possibly envision the destruction our chapter, had it not for you all assuming liability and proceeding to have the vision for us. The extraordinary work that we have done has contacted numerous lives, and we are the prime case of difficult work and devotion. We show individuals that, though we might not have everything, we can utilize what assets and tools that we have so as to give other people who have nothing, with everything that they could ever wish for. As the president, I am excited that my organization has over many amazing scholars who will keep on accomplishing the work that will everlastingly be fixed, as long as we keep on striving for other people. As I retire my presidency title, I will remind you all that this was a position that I carried with pride. I urge all NHS members to keep on wearing their white hats, and to my successor, I not only need you to show others how it's done, but I likewise need you to do better than my performance as the president. All things being equal, I want to give immense gratitude to my bureau individuals; my exceptional friends who I was unable to have done anything without: My VP, Christopher Vargas; my treasurer, Shaphan Callahan, and my secretary Shah Begum! I wish all of you only joy, achievement, and longevity, through the entirety of your future undertakings. Hereby passing the torch, Your President, Devon Christopher Corry







Christopher Vargas  
Vice President



Shaphan Callahan-Longus  
Treasurer



Shah Begum  
Secretary

## NHS MEMBERS



Tosin Adebayo



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Jamirr Baker



Nasire Branch



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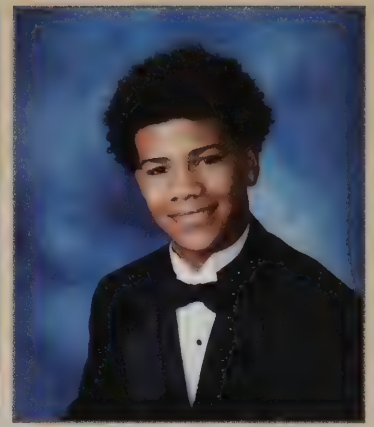
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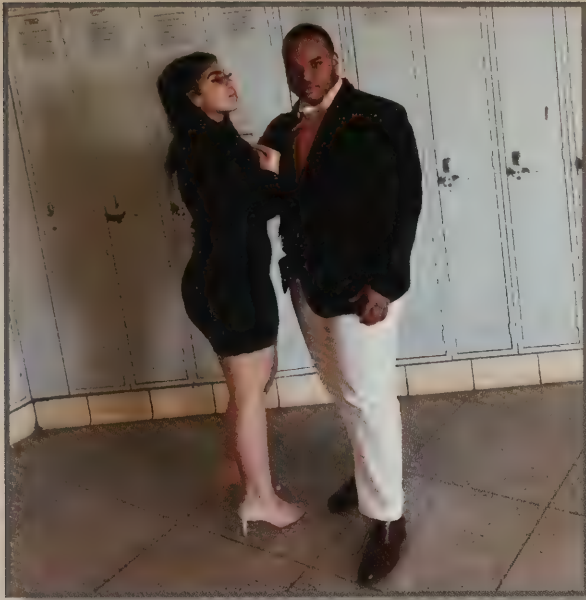
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*"The best way to find yourself is to lose  
yourself in the service of others."*

*~Mahatma Gandhi*



# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



Devon Christopher Corry  
President

Azlem Rivera  
Vice President

To University High School, IT HAS BEEN AN EXPERIENCE! There have been high points and low points: three significant changes in administration, celebrity appearances, battles, kinships, pep rallies, field trips, assemblies, shows, red carpets, detentions, toast offs, standardized tests, gatherings, luncheons! We had the whole nine! I can recall back to July 2019, and NPS was conducting interviews for a new principal, and I was a part of the hiring team, as a favor from former principal, Edwin Mendez. Ms Hamilton was the second interviewee, and I just knew that she was just a different breed. Our school was in shambles, and I knew that she was going to be a necessity, when it came to building our school back to what it originally represented, which gradually faded after my 7th grade year. While it might appear to be something to brag about, I didn't communicate that I was a huge factor in the employment for our up and coming principal. Upon the return to school in August, I was ecstatic to know that my final pick for the principal was granted, because my decision was something that I owed to my entire school, and not just myself. It was even more of a plus to realize that she heard I gave her a high appraisal. Who realized that I would wind up turning into her right-hand man? I recall the day me and my Madame VP: Azlem Rivera, won the school election! While I am at it, I must shout out our magnificent candidates that ran against us. To Tara Johnson, Zhae Braswell, and Inyya King, you all are astonishing, and appreciate your grit to place yourself in the face of the public and put up a great respectable fight. My administration as Student Government Association President, was not a position that I accepted in vain. I realized that I needed to represent not only a class, however a whole student populace. While I was the Commander in Chief, I profoundly accept that the students that I governed were my leaders, on the grounds that each choice that I made was never for myself, but for each and every student at University High School. In any event, running for these positions, for example, NHS President and Class of 2020 Student Government President, has shown me so much myself, and the sort of obligation you acknowledge when you take on these positions. I should likewise offer appreciation to Nasire Branch. The degree of tolerance and class that he had when it came to being the Commander in Chief of the Class of 2020, was awesome. You certainly opened my eyes at a great deal, regardless of whether you understand it or not, to how hard it can get in these streets. I will perpetually wear the Phoenix on my back, and I will never allow University to escape from me. To my successor, I need you to endeavor to accomplish more than what I had the option to do during my decision. I need to have the option to return and see greater contribution from students, but with your own sophistication. We can only go up from here. I acknowledge and stretch out my immense appreciation to everybody who was liable for my prosperity as a student, and as a president. I wish everybody love, laughter, and longevity in their succeeding years of life. Success is awaiting everyone. This is me, legitimately alleviating my obligations and duties as the SGA President. I am therefore passing the torch, and saying goodbye. Arrivederci! Farewell, SGA President, Devon Christopher Corry



# CLASS OFFICERS



Nasire Branch  
Class President



Shaphan Callahan-Longus  
Vice President



Znariah Schaffer-White  
Treasurer

"Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat."

~Theodore Roosevelt



# THURGOOD MARSHALL LAW ACADEMY

## PRE-LAW PROGRAM OF STUDY COMPLETERS



Dr. Liza Lopez  
Law Academy



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Zhae Braswell



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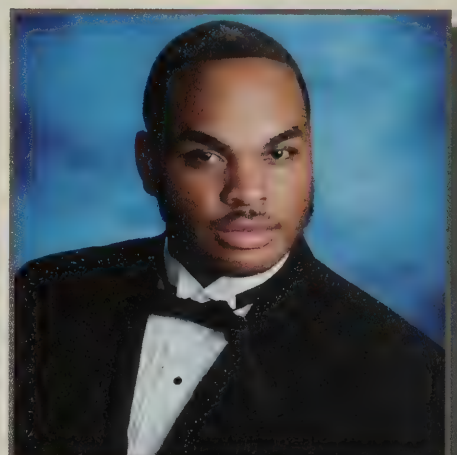
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Dany Rodriguez

The moral arc of the universe  
is long, but it bends toward  
justice.

Martin Luther King, Jr.





# H A L L O W E E N





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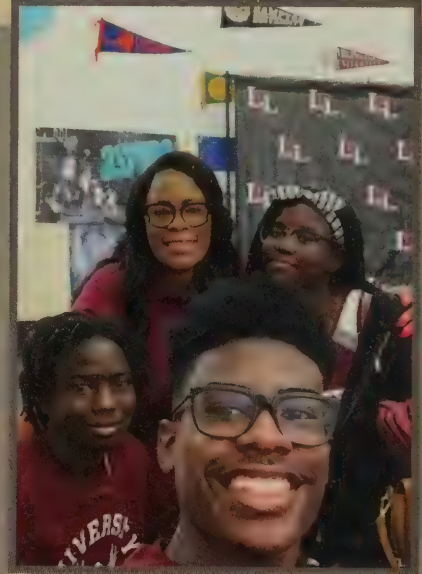


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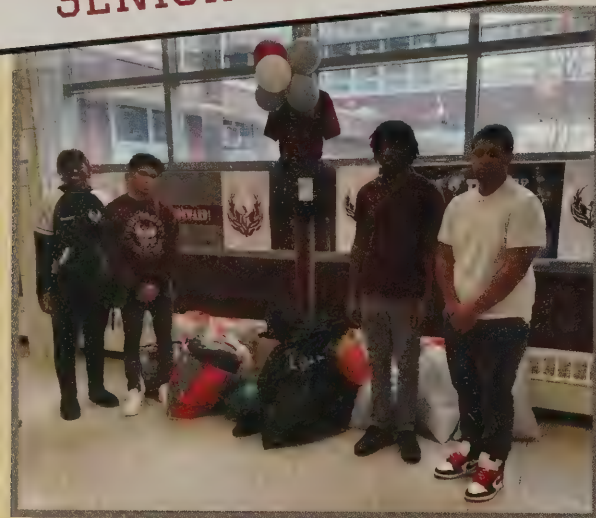




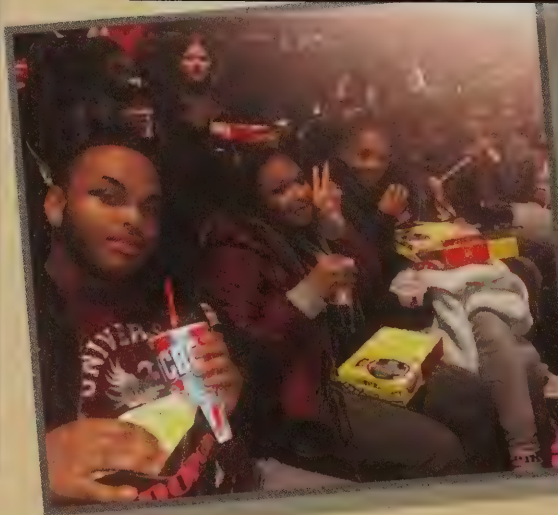
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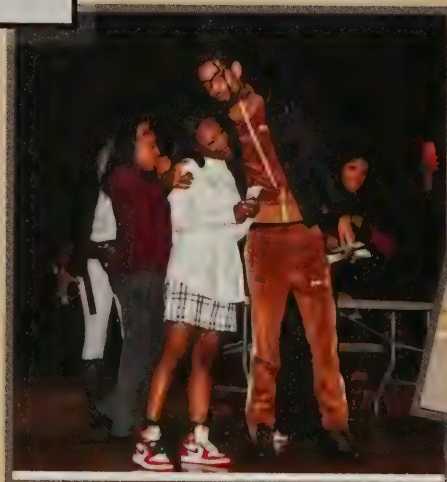
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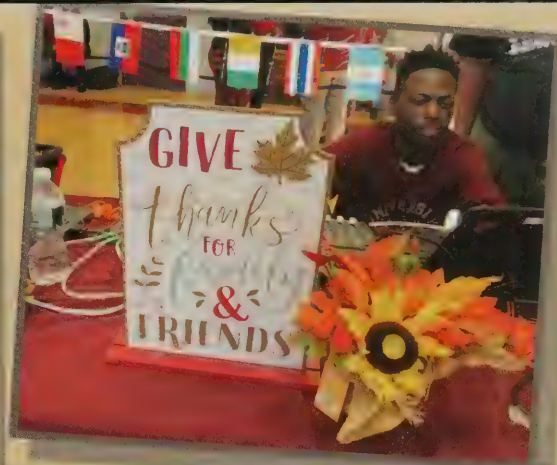


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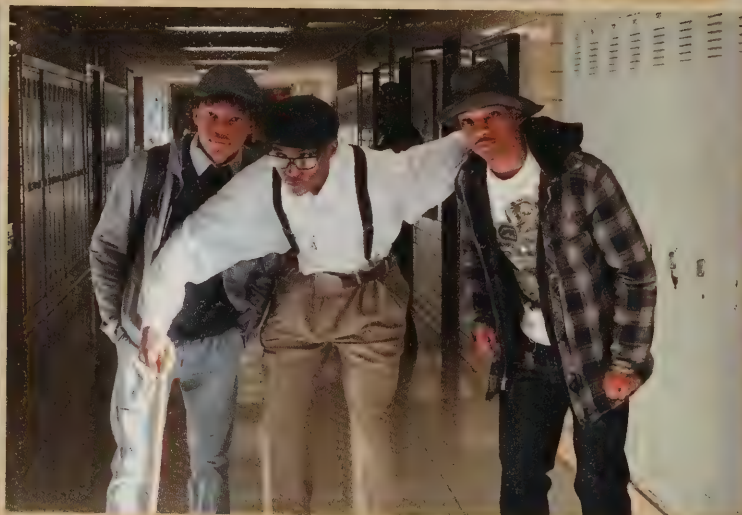


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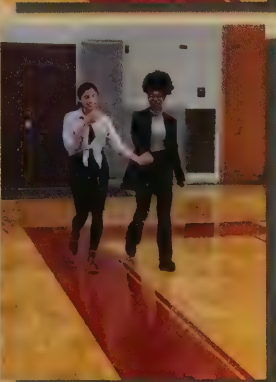
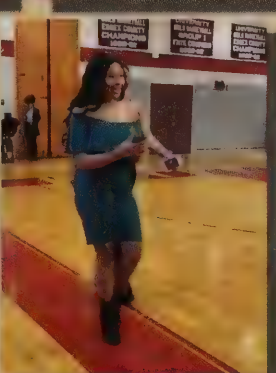
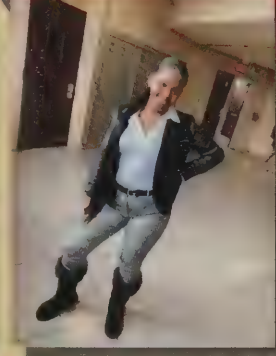


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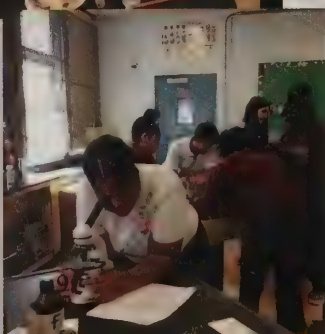
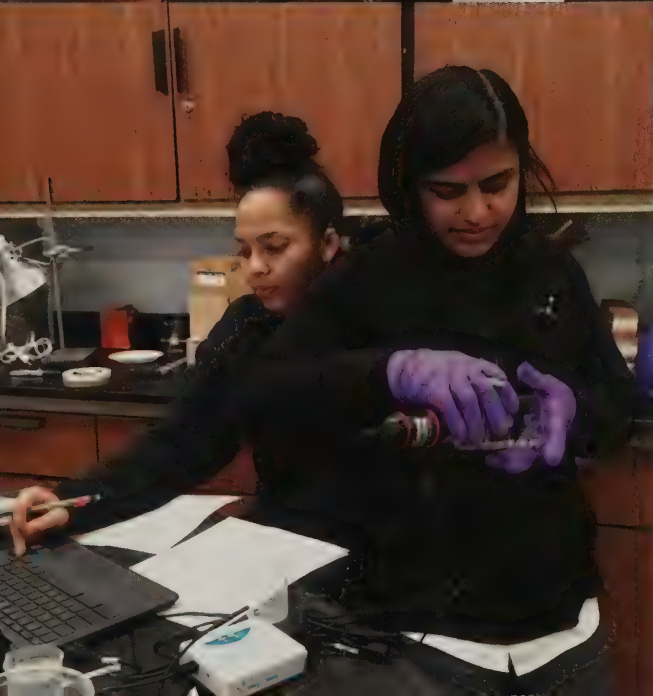
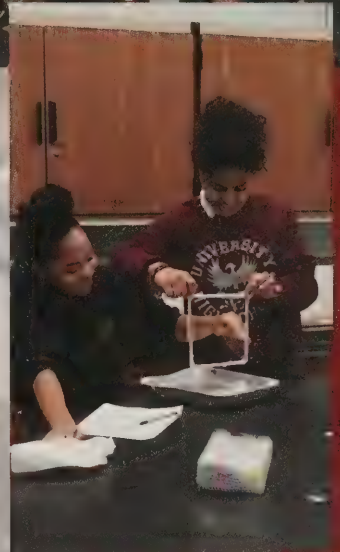
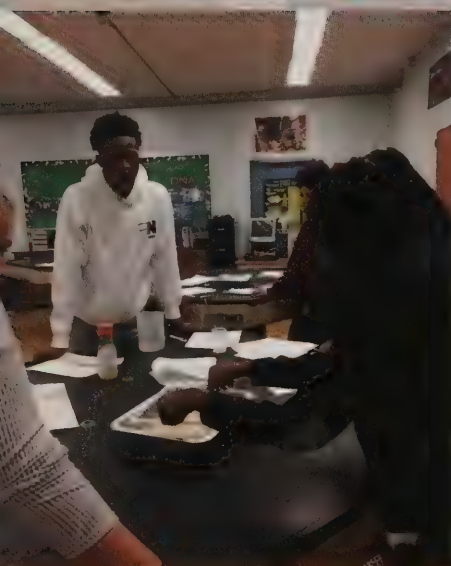
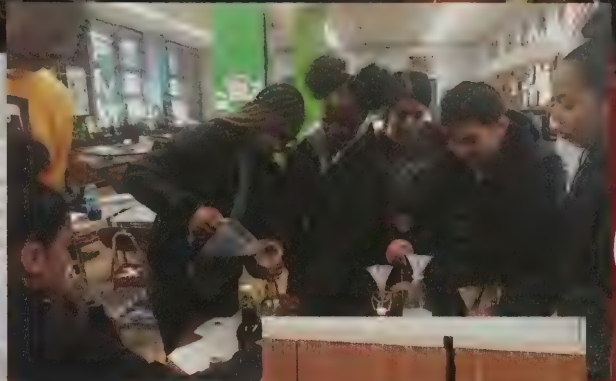
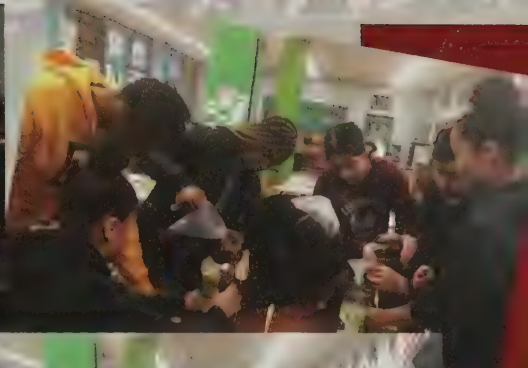
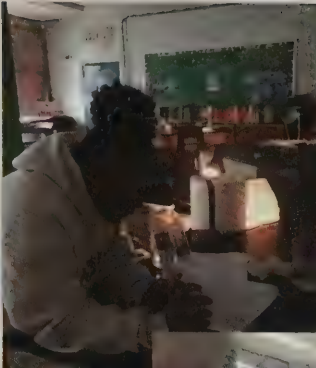
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*"When you learn, teach.  
When you get, give."  
~Maya Angelou*



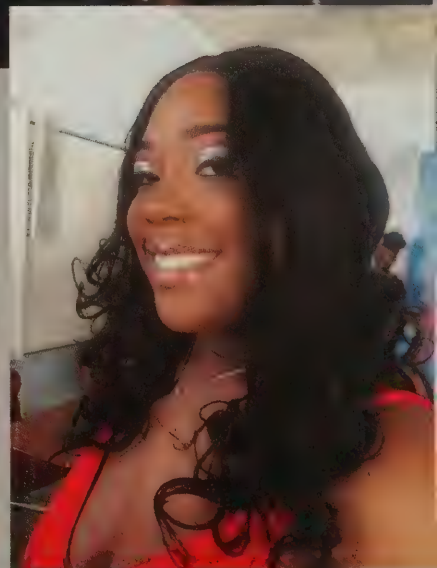
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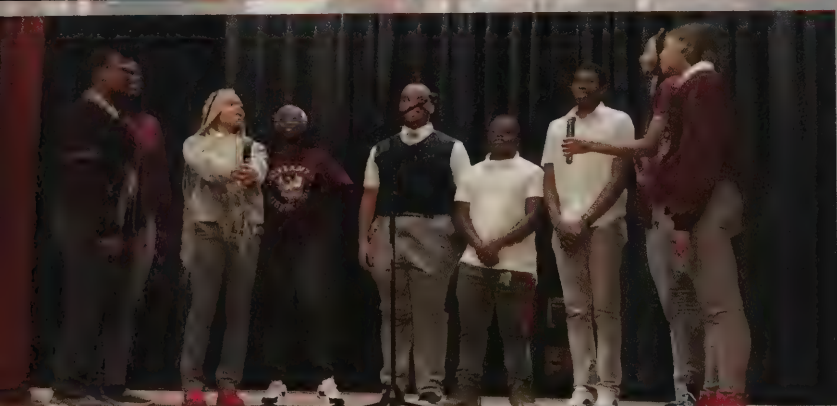
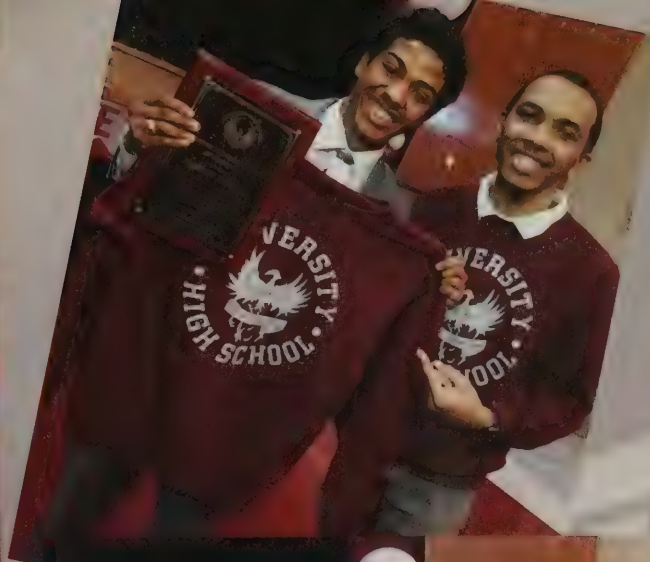
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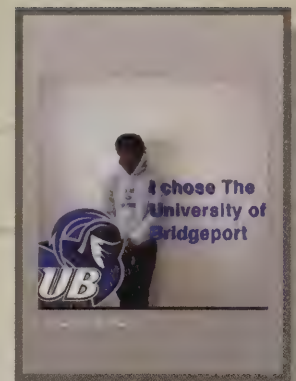
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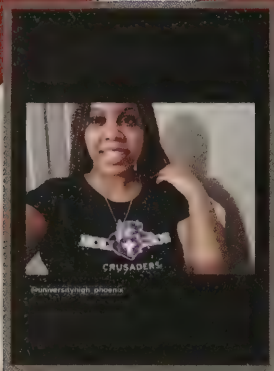
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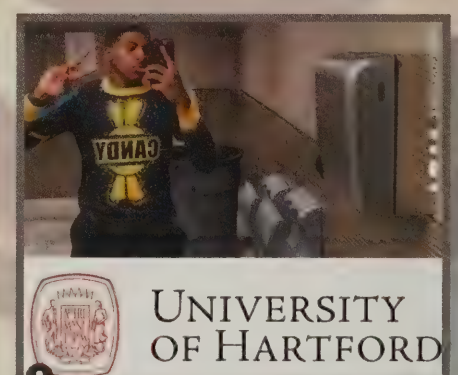
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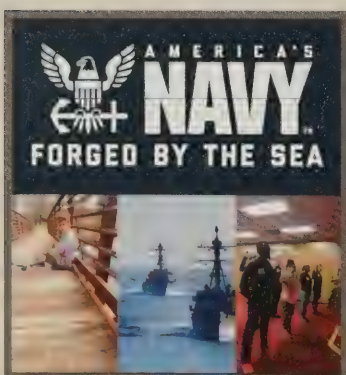
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Dajane' Brothers  
Empire Beauty School



Nahzae Branch  
University of Hartford



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Zyheima Swint  
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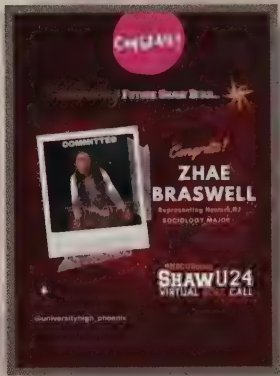
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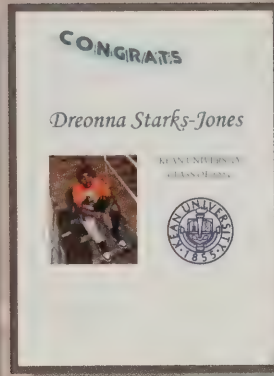
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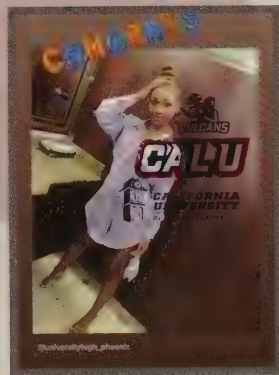
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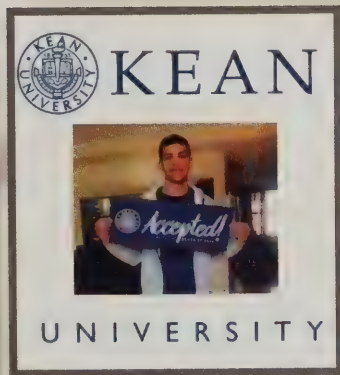
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Rider University



Poline Toure  
Delaware State University



Tosin Adebayo  
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Rutgers University

**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO THE  
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Desiree Ortiz  
Kean University

Amaya Reed Roberson  
College of St. Elizabeth

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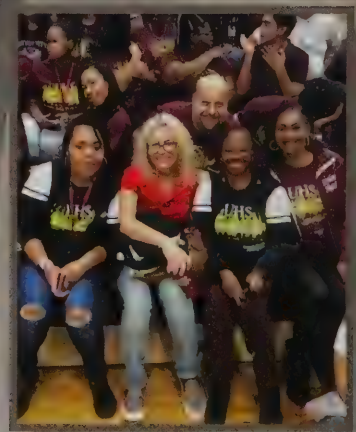
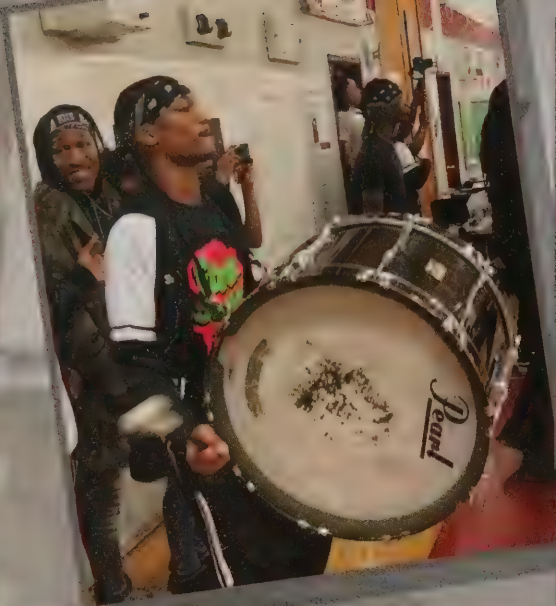
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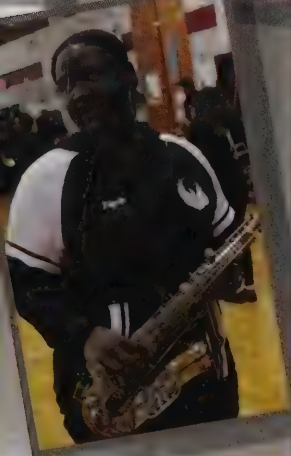
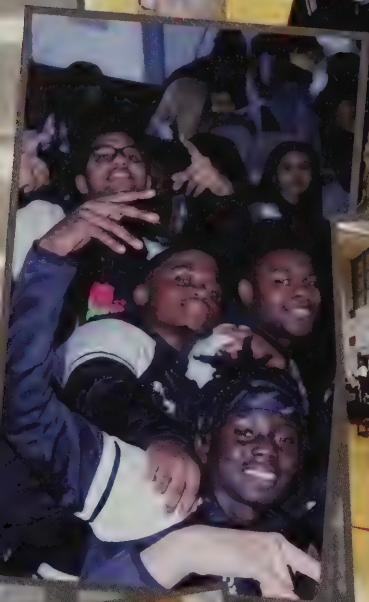
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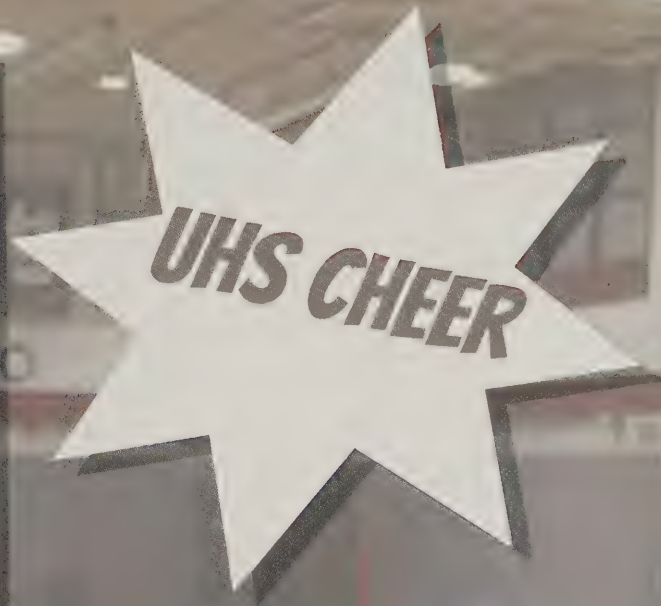


**GO PHOENIX!**





# Senior Athlete Highlights



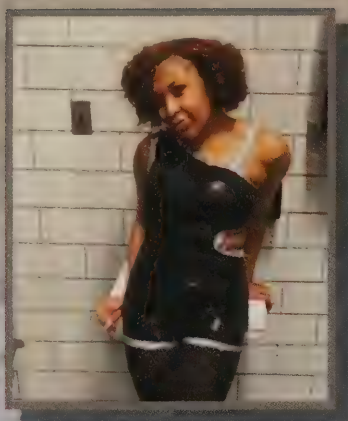
Inyya King  
Back spot/Captain

Being a cheerleader has made high school worth attending supporting the basketball players, hyping the crowd up, and creating a bond with other ladies was motivating. I loved every moment of cheering and wish it wasn't ending. I'll always be a Phoenix for sure! #should'vebeenaphoenix



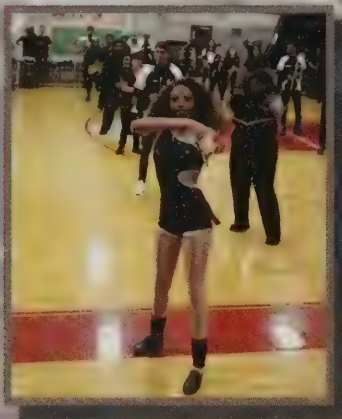


# B A N D D A N C E R S



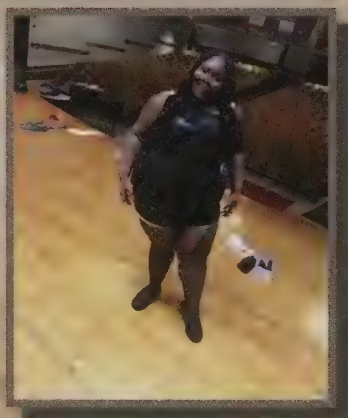
MaQuayla Palmer  
Captain

I am the captain of the band dancers. I have been dancing for 4 years and I have learned so much more than just dancing, friendships, determination, team work, hard work and most of all independence. Dancing is what I love and enjoy doing, it will always be in my heart.



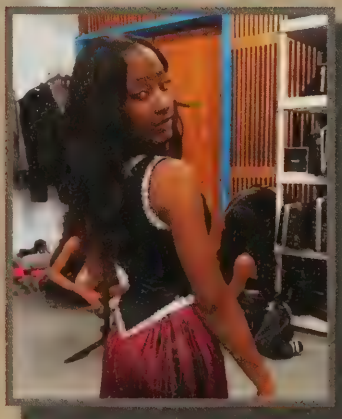
Kianna Brown

My experience with being a part of the dance team has been great. Getting to know other girls from different grades and developing a band/sistership with the girls made the perfect team. Not to mention how we turned Pep Rally up.



Znariah Schaffer-  
White

Lady Phoenix ~ Remember practice like you've never won,  
Perform like you never lost



Kamari Williams

Thank you to the girls that helped me grow and bring out a passion that I had within to life. Being a majorette for University brought out a dancing fire that I will carry into college. U.H.S. YOU KNOWWW!





Miniya Womack



Lafayia Wright

I started band dancing my junior year of high school. But although I wasn't there from the beginning, it felt like I was. It was a sisterhood, we were there for each other even when there was no performance. The girls on the team have so many unique and exciting personalities and it was like a second home. Even though we didn't get to do some of the things that we wanted to do as a band dance team, I had a lot of fun and I'm going to miss it a lot and I wish every last one of them the best.

I'm glad that I joined this team. I was able to step out of my comfort zone, which is something that is not easy for me.

"Even though this was the most dysfunctional group of people I really enjoyed my two years dancing along some of y'all. Thank you for all the memories."

Priscilla Dwumfour





# B A S E B A L L



Yoskar Vasquez-Diaz

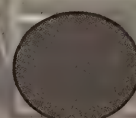
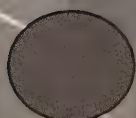
Baseball team Captain "Playing baseball at University Was slightly challenging but I'm very grateful that this was the school I played for. I will like to say thank you to all my teammates and great coaches for allowing me to share my passion for the game with them. As a captain for the past two years I have learned a lot, mainly that you have to work hard and never give up to accomplish what you want."

"No matter what happens during the season, win or lose, I'll always have a connection with those guys."

Vandemir Bland  
Outfield/Pitcher

"Baseball is ninety percent mental."

Aneudi Castillo  
Outfield



# S O F T B A L L



Desiree Ortiz  
Catcher

Softball was a fun and engaging sport. I grew a love for the sport through my father and it was one of the best things I decided to do.



Inyya King  
Short Stop

I wish I played for more than 2 seasons. Being on the field is the best. The rush of the game while you're either stealing a base or getting an opponent out is incredible. It gives you a sense of accomplishment.





Zhae Braswell

Squash- a serve is reset you can win the whole game when you get a chance to restart. College is a reset for me! High gpa's and all the tools for my future!



Sapphire Charles

My six years at Squash has been life changing. All of the experiences, life long friendships, and bonds built are things I'll cherish forever. Thanks for everything.



Odir Herrera

The best part of the game is not just winning, it's being given the opportunity to play.

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"Do not let what you cannot do  
interfere with what you can do."  
~John Wooden



# SQUASH



Johnasia Wright

Playing Squash has made me a strong young woman. It made me value my worth and opened my eyes to opportunities I didn't even know I had. They helped me improve my grades and behavior.



Lafayia Wright  
Captain/Team  
Ambassador

Without my Squash team I don't know how I would've gotten through high school. In a short amount of time they all became my family. Streetsquash changed me mentally, emotionally, and physically and I couldn't be happier.



# TENNIS



Zhae Braswell

Tennis- the fly swatter works sometimes in tennis and in life lol

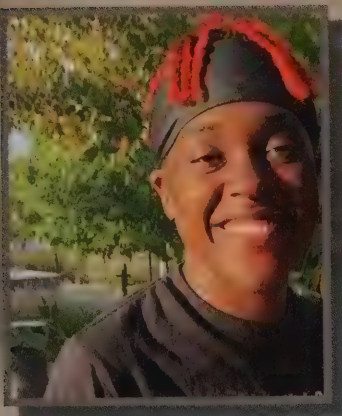






Keyarah Roberts  
Doubles

Quote: "My coach said the fly swatter doesn't work but it saved me multiple times"



Dreonna Starks-Jones  
Doubles

Doubles: I've never been a part of a sports team so I was scared to join but joining it made me feel like I was a part of a family. The experience, competing, and gaining victories was fun. It was an overall fun experience.



Kamari Williams  
Singles/Doubles

Trying new things is never easy but thanks for making it comfortable. Thank you for pushing me beyond my limits. Thank you for a new everlasting family and a new love for tennis. XOXO—a dirtybird tennis player.



# T E N N I S



# V O L L E Y B A L L



Chidiogo Anemelu  
Outside Hitter

When you are at a point in the game when you feel unable to spike, pass, set, serve, and so on, because of your repetitive thoughts of doubts, think of what you have done to get to where you are, the continuous practice and the constant failures that you had to overcome. Let that thought push you through, both inside the court and outside the court. KEEP FIGHTING". Volleyball taught me how to work together with others, trust my teammates, and be a leader. It has taught me how to adjust to whatever life throws at me. I will forever be grateful to my coach for helping me realize the potential I never knew I had. \*Signing off.....#ChidiChidiBangBang\*



Zyheima Swint

Baseball team Captain "Playing baseball at University Was slightly challenging but I'm very grateful that this was the school I played for. I will like to say thank you to all my teammates and great coaches for allowing me to share my passion for the game with them. As a captain for the past two years I have learned a lot, mainly that you have to work hard and never give up to accomplish what you want."







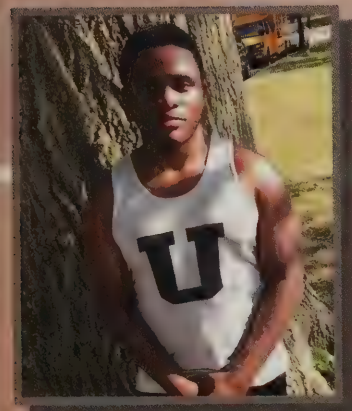
Priscilla Dwumfour  
Sprinter

If you knew me you knew how I felt about track but you knew and I knew that I could never leave it even when all hope was gone. Being on this team was like being on a family away from my family. Thank you Coach Monroe.



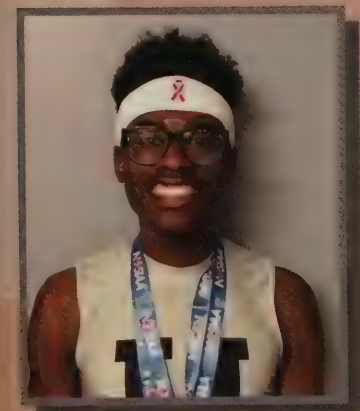
Shay'lah Lewis

I always wanted to run track. I started running track in 8th grade I ran for two different track teams. Track is not an easy sport because you're always competing to better yourself. During which time I learned through trials and tribulations how to never give up on myself. I learned that I am stronger than I know and that I can accomplish the impossible when I put my mind to it. By joining the track team I have made lifelong bonds.



Delmar Aikens-Berry  
Distance/Shot put

It has been a blast helping my school by participating in these sports. Being on the team felt uplifting and motivating. As a team, we always made sure everyone gave it their all and felt proud on how we did. Uni track team will always be on top.



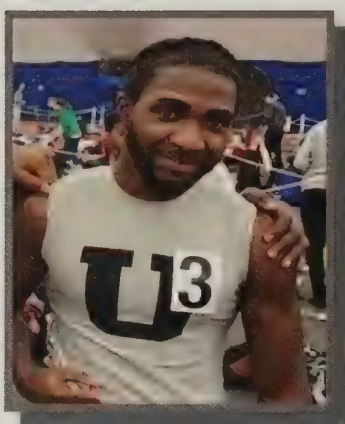
Jamirr Baker  
Team Captain

Running track has been a struggle but I also enjoyed my four years running. I gained new experiences being a captain and realized I have a true passion for this sport. Track has taught me not only to go hard on the track but also off of it. I want to thank my coaches for pushing and believing in me when I didn't believe in myself.

# T R A C K



# T R A C K



Khalif Bey  
Sprinter/Long Distance

Running track made one of the worst parts of working out my favorite.



Marcus Cineus  
Shotput Field Event

Running track has been the most significant experience I ever begin since freshman year, and running had changed me to become who I want to be, made me feel better and happier. Even though I had my ups and downs of not medaling or medaling, but I'm glad I have joined the team. I will remember the times we had in the late-night bus rides back home, dancing for celebration, winning medals, and bonds we formed through being an athlete. Memories, I will never forget. Well, I wish you guys nothing but the best of luck. Love you track team.



Siril Pettus  
800 meter runner

"Taking it easy won't take you anywhere." —Coach Harvey



Darius Williams

Running for University Track was fun and helpful to me in many ways. The coaches and the environment pushed me to work harder.





Zaire Williams  
Sprinter, Hurdler

Greatest time of my life running at the U, made me a better person in a different way, made me a better student athlete.

"After just one year of running, I can say that my coaches taught me a lot of life lessons as well as lessons about entering the real world and for that I want to say, Thank you."

Vandemir Bland  
55m/200/400m runner



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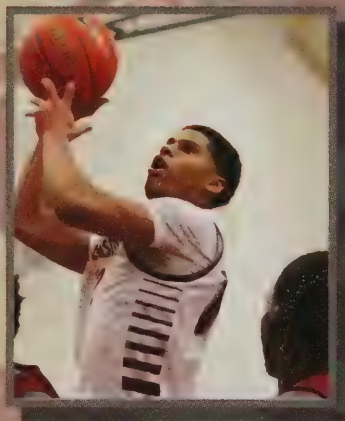


# BASKETBALL



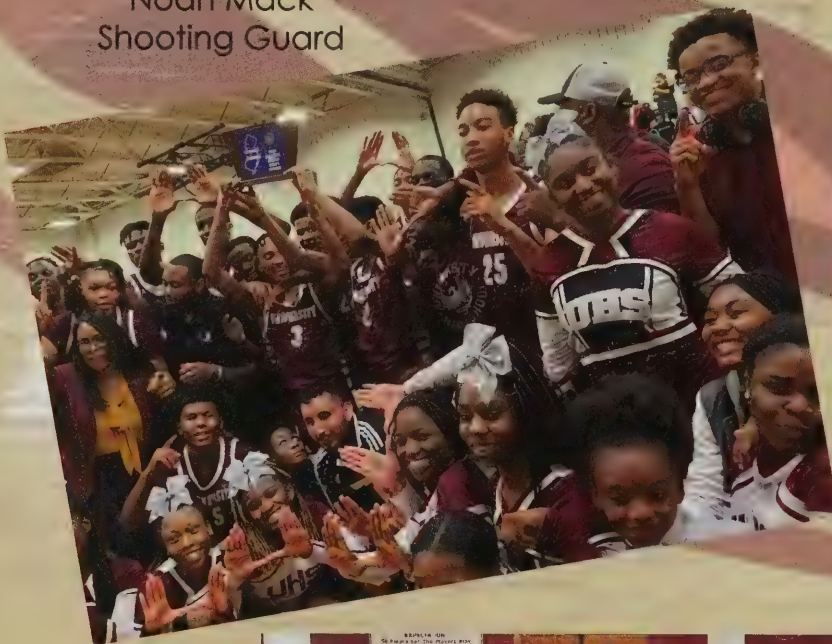
Yasir Baptiste

"This season we had a lot of ups and downs especially in the beginning. We were all trying to figure out our roles on the team because we all had great potential, down to the freshman. Towards the middle of the season, we pulled things together and we all took a lot of sacrifices just so we can start winning. Even though I was new to the team, I was a senior so in some situations I had to step up either it was physically or vocally. I wouldn't had gone through this journey no other way."



Noah Mack  
Shooting Guard

Basketball has brought many experiences and opportunities. This year I was able to be a part of a brotherhood that fought through adversity and was still able to get the chip. I'm just thankful I'll be able to join carry my basketball career to college.







Reni'a Kennedy  
Shooting Guard

Story stayed the same, I never changed. Logging out for good, it's time to open a new chapter. 14out



Zyheima Swint  
Center/Forward

Tough times don't last but tough people do.



Sha'nia Davis

Playing for uhs has been a great experience. Especially, with my teammates and coaches that show nothing but love! I love it here!

Sha'Nia "Tink" Davis:  
Scores 1000th point this year!

Committed to  
Georgetown University  
with a full scholarship!



# LADY PHOENIX





Zyheima Swint signing her  
full scholarship to Hofstra  
University!  
#shouldvebeenaphoenix





# 2019-2020 ESSEX COUNTY CHAMPS



## UNIVERSITY HIGH GIRLS





# Farewell Class of 2020



*"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."*

*— Harriet Tubman*







Tosin Adebayo

If anything, these past four years have taught me to simply just live. Understanding that your morals and goals will always guide you. I can't speak for everyone but learning was the best part of high school. Expanding the roadways of the mind can never go wrong. It only works to elevate. I thank the teachers that taught me and opened my eyes to a new way of thinking. I'm thankful for the intellectual conversations and thought provoking questions. They all played a role in shaping my perspective of the "real world". I'm moving on and have never felt more prepared.

Throughout these past few years, you all have shown love, happiness, gratitude, and most importantly, respect. We probably won't see each other for some time, but with the memories we have together, our bond will forever be strong. As we grow to start a beautiful journey in our lives, promise yourselves that you'll live everyday as if it were the last, knowing that tomorrow is not promised to us. One thing about being a Phoenix, is that we'll never leave anyone behind. We may fall, but in the end, we all will rise together.

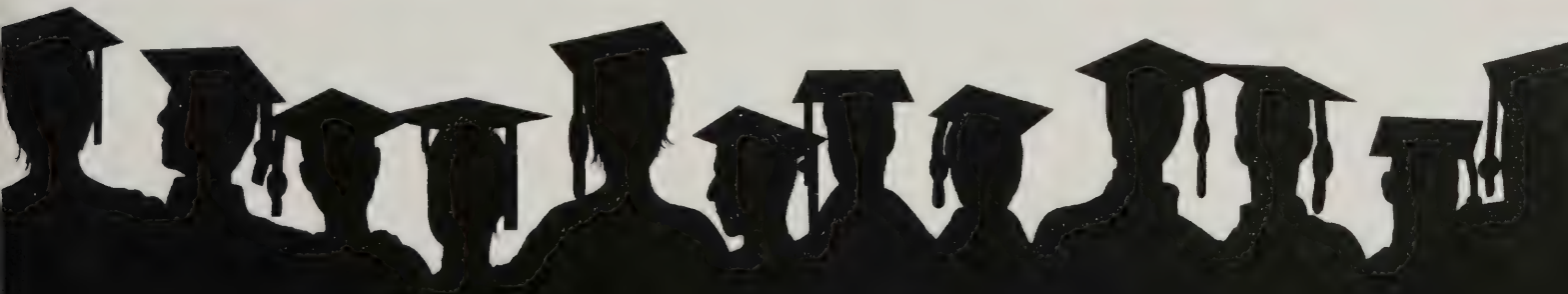


Delmar Aikens-Berry



Chidiogo Anemelu

Wherever you go, Whatever you do, I hope that your heart is free from sadness And your mind free from worries. And if things just seem impossible, Then fight your way through as you have fought For your diploma. I am thankful for those who made my high school experience worth something I laughed. I cried. It was fun. I can't promise to miss everyone LOL But I know I will look back and remember the good and the bad times. \*Logging off.....#ChidiChidiBangBang\*







Samiyah Auguste

Four years are up and I'm glad! I would definitely miss my freshman and sophomore year because it was the best experience I've ever had in school. I made mistakes and learned lessons but I'm glad I met the friends that I have now. I probably would be around fake love and haters but that's beside the point. We are officially grown and hopefully become mature adults. After graduation day, I'm no longer being asked if I did somebody's homework or classwork. No more complaining about a specific teacher and they grading. University has drained me but my time is up.



Jamirr Baker

High school has been an interesting journey! I stopped being friends with someone that was very dear to me but also gained a new one and grew a stronger bond with two of my other friends! I grew out of my comfort zone by bonding with others and performing at pep rallies in front of the whole school. High school has taught me you don't need anybody to be happy and to always be myself no matter the circumstance. However, I'm still growing and learning more about myself. Go listen to some Nicki Minaj now! :)



Yasir Baptiste

Even though this was my first and last year at University, it actually felt like home. From my teachers, coaches, teammates, and friends, everyone was there for me and pushing me to my best ability. There were some days where I felt like not doing anything but there was always someone in the building to change my mood. Everyone is supportive and wants to see you succeed. I never felt like an outcast. I just want to thank Ms. Jones because she really looked out for me and made sure I stayed on task. I believe that I am ready for the next chapter in my life and whatever is thrown at me, I will either shine or grow from it.





To the class of 2020, it was a rollercoaster. Literally. It was sickening and crazy and scary BUT it was also fun and adventurous and daring. It made you hold your breath and scream for dear life. It made you cry out of sheer horror, and shout in harmony. I hope you continue to riding a bigger better rollercoaster in the future. But for now, enjoy the ride.



Shah Begum



Khalif Bey

The graveyard is the richest place on earth because it is here that you will find all the hopes and dreams that were never fulfilled, the books that were never written the songs that were never sung the inventions that were never shared the cures that were never discovered all because someone was too afraid to take that first step keep with the problem or determined to carry out their dream.

Looking back at my years in University I wouldn't regret anything I did. Those mistakes shaped me into the person I am today. Failure is only a step toward success and if I were to give up any of the times were I faced adversity in high school then I wouldn't know how to overcome the many challenges the real world has to offer. Shoutout to all the guys: Siril, Jayden, Dre, TG, TY, Arian, Darius, Zay, Sten, Jaizon.



Vandemir Bland







Nahzae Branch

Hey y'all we're coming to the end of this chapter in our life. University has been nothing like high school musical but I mean it was cute. Thanks for all the fake love \*tea\*. I'll miss my friends the most, love y'all dearly. We've been waiting for this moment since we first walked in the school & now it's finally here. We're going into the real world. Good luck be safe & see you in 10 years. Deuces!



Nasire Branch

These last four years have been a stepping stone for future greatness! Thank you to those that believed in me, motivated me, & stood by me these last four years. I couldn't have made it without you. To the friends I gained & even the ones I lost, I love you! I hope I never forget the memories I made here. The fun stuff, the crazy stuff & the bad stuff all shaped me into the person I am today. I hope the "real world" is ready for me; it's only up from here!



Zhae Braswell

It has been a long six years here at University. It is a bittersweet goodbye, but I will take everything I have learned and push on. I will be great and rise. Thank you to all whose helped me on this journey, I pray you all continue to do well. This wonderful building has filled me with beautiful memories and great friends.





When you come here be prepared to spin 4 years of your life in hell before you even die. The rats and roaches are apart of the package. I never thought high school life would be like this.



Dajan'e Brothers



Briana Brown

The two hardest things to say in life are hello for the first time and goodbye for the last.... I've had people say a lot about me and honestly I believe it made me even stronger than I appear to be. I've heard hurtful funny ridiculous rumors about myself, even from teachers but I've grown to love University like my second home and now that I'm leaving it's bitter sweet. Even though I didn't see eye to eye with everyone over the years, I wish everyone the best and I hope the future holds a lot for you all & as for myself I can't wait to see where life takes me as well.

Life will always imitate art. Every reference I've ever made to Game of Thrones this year is because the show holds deeper messages than people would like to notice. A character from the show by the name of Cersei Lannister once said, "When you play the game of thrones, you win or you pass. There is no middle ground". Success is a throne that you must work to obtain, and you must work to keep it. Some people rise up to that throne while others will fall and claw at it.



Shaphan Callahan-Longus







Maliha Chowdhury

I'm finally out, after long and hard years of work and dedication and tolerating everyone here, I'm out. Of course I had a great time here, at least sometimes. Nevertheless I wish everyone here the best and myself for the future and to my favorite and the funniest teachers in this school, Inclan and Umrichin. Thank you all for making my high school years the worst and the best. Okay well bye now, move along.

I have spent four years in this place and have experienced so many new things. I must say It was a rollercoaster, it had its good moments and its bad moments but it is something I would never change. I have met some people that I consider really close friends and I have made memories that would last me a lifetime. So university high school I am saying farewell to you and the journey that you led me on. I am ready to say goodbye to this chapter of my life and say hello to all the new possibilities that the next chapter has waiting for me.



Riniah Christmas



Marcus Cineus

WOW, four years of High School went by fast. All the struggles, arguments, and fights we had with each other will also be remembered, especially the jokes we had in class. And now that we're all grown up, we all came a long way from the start. We all went the wrong way, once or twice, it's a part of life. You are my family; we fight, we raise to be the greatest out of all. I wish everyone a successful life ahead. #GOODBYE!





Bittersweet would describe this tasteful experience called high school. As a veteran scholar, I can say that I've literally seen it all. A dysfunctional family is the class of 2020. Thank you guys for all the laughs, the fights, the memories, and the love. There were high students, and then there were "high" students. There were students you knew, and then students that were new. Nevertheless, it was an experience that I would not trade for the world. Always chase your dreams, be yourself, and I appreciate all the support I got from my family & friends. Until next time! Peace



Devon Christopher Corry



Priscilla Dwumfour

Wow!! It was just yesterday when I first walked the halls of Uni and now I'm walking it for the last time this year. Oh how I loved and hated this school and the people in it. Some of y'all were people I never spoke a word to a day in my life and some of y'all were people who I couldn't stop talking to. But I will miss everybody dearly. SIKEE!!! I lied.

I think I learned a lot throughout my high school experience. I thought going to high school meant I was grown, but now that I am graduating I see that I am still a baby. It's a scary world and although I still want out of high school, I think I should have lived more. I should have had more fun. I didn't take advantage of the opportunities given to me, but now going to college and into the real world I will. I plan to live my life to its fullest.



Elianeth Espada







Arian Fogle

"If he can't break bread he fake, I had one more buck on my plate it was me and bro we was in the store and both of us got 50 cent cakes."



Naeem Gibbons

The road of life can sometimes be full of difficulties. But we need to use our strength to overcome all the challenges. When we do, I know we'll be successful in all phases of our life. We may even be famous. Life is short and youth is fleeting, so we need to make each day, year and month count. We have to do our best and excel at every challenge. To University High School and my fellow graduates in the class of 2020, I say, farewell! Lots of love and good wishes for your future. A future I see filled with musicians, rappers, doctors, lawyers and mayors. We are the beginning of a new decade and we will usher in change because we can never be stopped.



Kalia Hatcher

As we approach graduation and head our separate ways I cannot help but feel a sense of sadness. It seems like just yesterday that we were scared little 7th graders, wandering these halls and now we are walking through the same halls wondering where the time has gone. I have spent six years here at University High and that still doesn't feel like enough. I cannot thank all of my teachers enough for the unconditional love and support they showed through these challenging years. Although there are going to be many goodbyes, so many adventures are going to be remembered.





Part of the journey is the end, it amazing to see how far we all come as people. Coming to University was quite an experience that is sad to see come to an end. I've experienced success, failure, regret, and satisfaction. It's quite a lot to take in. What I'll always remember most about UHS is the people who helped me and supported me along the way. It's one thing to say that you can't do something on your own but having such amazing people be there by your side will never be forgotten. Even though I spent most of my time outside of school events, every day of school was an event I would hate to miss. Thank you for being a part of my life, though most of us won't see each other for quite some time I'll try to keep in touch. For whatever path the future beholds I hope to see you on the other side. Good luck, Godspeed, and I Love You 3000.



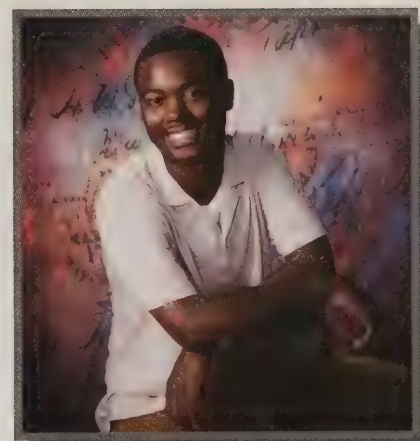
Odir Herrera



Rafi Hossain

Uh... it's about that time. Lot's memories, lots of love. Can't hide from the reality so yeah I have to leave. These were some good four years of my life and I learned a lot through hard work and dedication. It felt like yesterday when I first walked into this school and I'm going to miss all of my friends and teachers who were always there for me. But I'm very happy and excited to take the next step in life. I want to thank all my dearest teachers and my favorite counselors who always pushed me so hard to hustle everyday. To my fellow friends from class of 2021 or later, I encourage you to have fun but stay focused at the same time. One right choice can change lives dramatically. Don't miss out any opportunities and good luck for your future. It's been your boy Rafi... peace out!

What can I say about the class of 2020? You all have made these the best years of my life. We all haven't gotten along over the years. I know we all aren't the bestest of friends but it's bond that we all have that's unbreakable. I want to give a shout out to all my friends from over the years... Thanks for putting up with me and all my crazy. To my best friends you've made school somewhat tolerable over these last 4 years. To Patti, you the real MVP .



Ameer Jackson







Reni'a Kennedy

I will soon be embarking on a new volume of my life. Before stepping into something I want to provide some recognition and love before heading out. With so many issues that plague the world, it's easy to get entangled in the madness. Yet, there's one thing that I hope you walk away with knowing, and it's the fact that YOU matter. You are powerful, and with your greatness you have the ability to improve society. Have a deep love for self and confidence in yourself, that you know you can only compete with yourself. Thank you for growing with me and allowing me to grow with you. I will miss you all known and unknown, and will see you one day soon in our future. I send you all the love, prayers and good vibes that one can possibly exude. See you Class of 2020.

The past four years have been full of Fakes and Snakes. However, now it's time to move on, forgive and forget, you live and you learn right. I thank all the people that have come and gone for making me stronger, teaching me the difference between real love and fake love. Through all the pain, all love and all the laughter, this has truly been an amazing journey. Always remember to escape the ordinary But remember never forget what Nicki said... Shout out to my haters sorry that you couldn't phase me I wish you all peace love and happiness



Shay'lah Lewis



Kavon Mack

For the past four years it's honestly been an up and down roller coaster for me. I actually never expected to even stay at this school for as long as I did. But like everything in life, things change. I made a fair amount of new friends that I can actually say I enjoy being around and talking to. But I will miss University and all the good times I had. I don't plan on coming back though cause that's a stretch. If anybody from this school calls me in the future asking me to come back, I'm hanging up.





These four years have been long and difficult. But the friendship I made were good and bad. Thank you teachers and friends for all the good times I've had here and for making my time here memorable. For those that I didn't really hang out with I wish you good luck in your future. Can't wait to leave and live my future away from here. Way to go To Meeeee. BYE!!! Obrigado, Vai Caga, Caio.



Karla Mariano



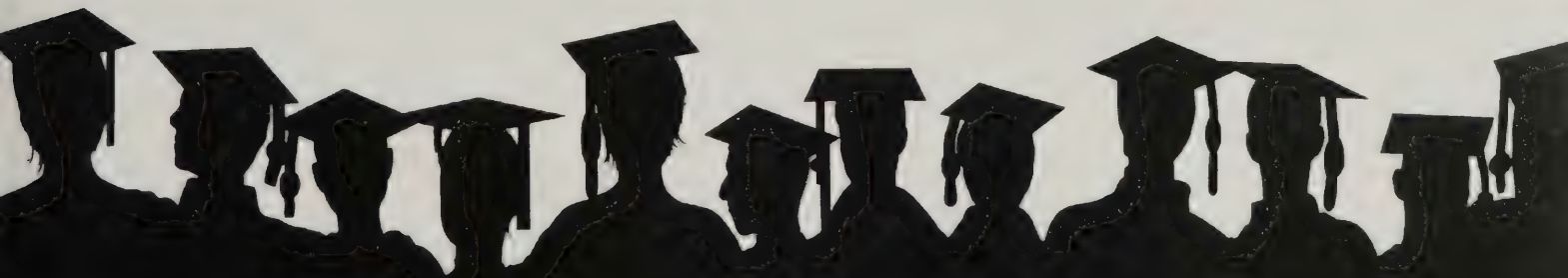
Jayden Mendoza

High school was a fun weird and exciting place. It definitely was a great experience I'm glad I was able to attend university for 4 years of High school . I definitely had some up and downs these past 4 years. I had a great group of friend Dre, Van, Siril, Arian, the twin and a Few other. But the downs I went through showed me a lot. Showed me who there by my side truly and how much everything I do effects everyone around me (close friends, family ) .these last 4 years also showed me Who I truly am, I am a baseball player nothing more nothing less It's been good University, Jayden Mendoza

Our journey is finally coming to an end. High school has been the craziest four years of my life but I still managed to hang in there by a thread. My time here at University wasn't what I expected but I still made the best of it thanks to a few peers- s/o to my lunch table! High School has prepared me to take on the world with full force. It's that time for new beginnings, and looking forward with hope. I wish everyone the best in their new lives. Congratulations class of 2020 and good luck!



Fortune Nwamara







Desiree Ortiz

I really don't know what to write, High School was definitely a roller coaster for me but I appreciate everyone who made it worth my attendance. I would like to thank all the teachers that have taught and shaped me into the person I am today, Dr.Lopez, Mr. Umrichan, Mr. Fourre and Mr.Inclan. I would like to thank my mother for never losing faith in me when I wanted to give up and another huge thank you to my Angel for walking beside me these 4 years. I owe this to myself and my Dad. Bye Class of 2020... Stay blessed and always impress.

To all of my teachers, friends, and many mentors, I am proud to say that I am who I am because of all of you. With all of the different impacts you have created, you have molded a little, incoming freshmen into strong young graduate that is inspired to strive for better and to live everyday like its the last. For all my haters, all the people that told me I wasn't good enough and all the people that walked out on me,\*BLEEP YOU. I DID NOT NEED YOU. I know that God assigns his hardest missions to his strongest soldiers.

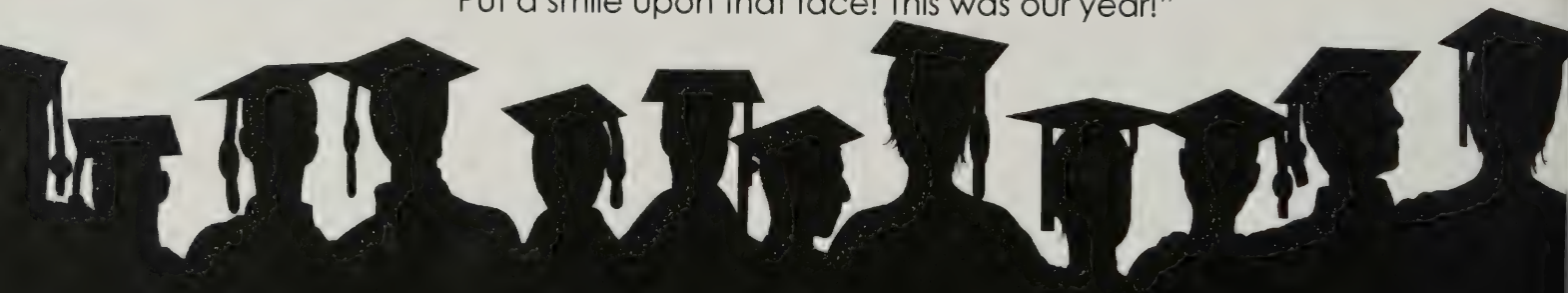


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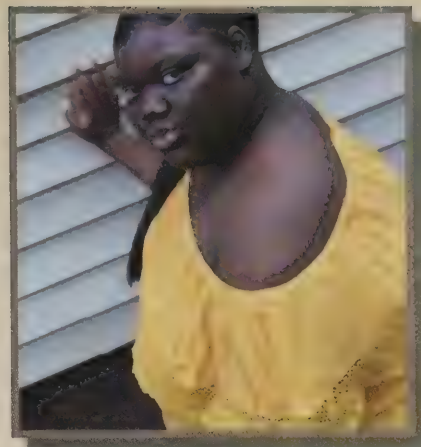
Amaya Reed-Roberson

Right now is the day we have anticipated,  
 Waited all year for it to come.  
 Now that it's here, it's slipping away,  
 Almost ready to be done.  
 Right now I'm anxious for college  
 To go on and learn new things,  
 But only our choice will decide  
 What our tomorrow brings.  
 Right now my knees are shaking,  
 Scared to take this leap into our future.  
 Right now a tear is ready to crawl down my cheek,  
 Then a voice comes into my head and seem to say,  
 "Put a smile upon that face! This was our year!"





Well well well senior year huh? I'm kinda happy I waited to write this so my senior year didn't go as planned but I can say before all this pandemic happened I enjoyed myself in school. And let me be the one who tells you this high school is not like high school musical or any high school you see on TV. I miss being in school even though I came late everyday it still was something that made my day. I miss making TikToks in the bathroom, hallways, lunch room, classrooms but I miss the security guards Daisy, Brian, Ms. Hill I can go to school and everyday they make me smile or laugh. Now don't get me wrong I'm not a fan of high school. I can say something's I hate but overall I met some of my best friends there and I'm happy that I attended university high school. Thank you to the staff and the principal for having come to a safe environment. Fair well your TikTok Queen -Quayanah



Quayanah Roberts



Znariah Schaffer-White

Dear c/o 2020 I'm so proud to say WE DID IT YALLLLL. A big thank you to my mom and dad and all my major supporters on my team for having my back. Thank you to Mrs. Jones and all my other special academic supporters. To my close friends thanks for loving me for who I am. For the doubters continue to watch me elevate through the next chapters of my life. I wish everyone the best of luck to whatever they choose to do after high school. Remember whatever you do sis keep it cute sis !!! Marshae outttttt

"I remember when I first entered my freshman year I thought 2020 would take forever to come. Now look at me ready to graduate and in quarantine! If someone would've told me I wouldn't have gotten a chance to enjoy my senior year and attend my first and only prom I would've came less than I already did ! I expected my senior year to be filled with a lot of fun & memorable things, but this is not the end. & To my friends, ladies this is not the end of us, this is only the beginning! I love you guys! You know who you are." - Za'Mijaey Amoré Singleton



Za'Mijaey Singleton







Dreonna Starks-Jones

When I started high school , I thought it was going to be hard. All the new rules, new teachers, and new friends, you would have to make. But fortunately it wasn't. As my high school career went on, I met new people who began to impact my life. I'm grateful for all the people I call my friends and who've been there with me through thick and thin. I want to thank all my teachers for supplying me with the education I needed for these four years. I hope everyone receives nothing but success in their near future.



Poline Toure

Took me sometime to decide what I wanted to write but I'll just say high school was a roller coaster we all had our good & bad days but in the end it was worth it & I'll miss it. Also want to thank some teachers & guidance counselors for guiding/ helping me through it, anyways #po-out #2020doitbest #foreveraphoenix



Yoskar Vasquez-Diaz

C/O 2020, As we get ready to graduate we are on the precipice of the future. It's not a distant reality anymore. I guess this is it, we all go our separate ways and travel our own path. We will leave High School as adults trying to make our dreams come true, just know that no matter what we do, there will be challenges waiting for us. I need from each of you to face those challenges with your head held high and strong. Good luck to everyone. Your future is in your hands, not those of others. #yallboyisout





Denzel Curry said in his song "This life". "Didn't Notice, but as of late, I think I've changed not the same since my younger days, so far I came.." Over the summer that song really spoke to me, thinking about my future who I want to be in life. You just sit back like time really flew I use to be this misbehaved 7th grader still tryna find myself To having to overcome my 9th grade year maturing, picking my grades up to now grown up about to enter the real world I just want to say never forget who you truly are, don't fold for nobody, stick with people you know that's gon be there forever.. Farewell message? More like BYE



Tiyonnie Washington



India Williams

I just want to thank Mrs. Jones, Ms. Lockett and Mr. Suarez, they helped me through this last year of high school. I want to also thank my friends for guiding me in the right path. Lastly I would like to thank my mother for raising me to be who I am today. You guys are forever greatly appreciated! This has been a bittersweet experience for me and I'm glad it's over. I wish nothing but the best to my fellow classmates..<3

Funny story bro, I wasn't even supposed to me a Phoenix. I got accepted to my school of choice which was Newark Tech. However due to miscommunication and plain stupidity by the educational staff. I thought I was denied entry, and was enrolled into University, much to my dismay. But on during third day of school as a Phoenix, Newark Tech informs my Father of the mistake, and tells them I can transfer in. I was ecstatic, I could attend my dream school!Which also meant I'm left with a decision. Stay in Uni, or leave and go to my school of choice. I'll end this short story off with this. I make a lot of terrible decisions. I'm either dead wrong or I just don't have a good feeling about it. I never feel right about anything! However when it came to this decision..... I've never felt more right about anything else in my life



Joshua White







Kamari Williams

This is it, it's the end. University definitely brought out my demons and angels. In the end, shaping me into this woman that's going to get through every obstacle. On some notes, I really learned some valuable lessons and gained friendships that would last me a lifetime. Shoutout to Kalia, India, Shaniyah, Rlniah, Znariah, and Keyarah. I'm so grateful for y'all. We about to turn college up. Even though I'm glad these 4 years are up, I'll always be a proud Phoenix. Class of 2020, WE DONE PERIOD!

We've (bye bye) watched each (adios) other grow together (hasta la vista) for at least four years (see ya) and start (see you later alligator) to find where we (take care) belong. We made so many (arrivederci) memories in this school, good (bon voyage) and bad. I hope (ciao!) everybody succeeds (shalom) in life and are able to follow (sayonara) their dreams. The world is (au revoir) yours, you should take advantage (adeus) of it. Keep going, no matter (vale) what because the end product will be worth it, you've already come this far. (ALOHA!)



Miniya Womack



Lafayia Wright

I honestly do not know what to write in this message and I'm literally doing this an hour before the deadline. I made many friends here and would hope to stay connected to them all in these years to come. Most importantly I met 3/4 of my best friends here and wouldn't change that for the world (Johnasia is the fourth one but I knew her since birth) Anyway these four people help morph me into who I am today and I couldn't be more grateful.

...Okay, that's enough of that soft stuff because that's ghetto. I hope the best for everyone and hope y'all succeed.







Ezequiel Zurita

Not wanting to be in this school was a struggle; failure in middle school landed me here in the first place. But there was only one man who got through me. And that's Dr. Edoardo Mungiello. A well-spoken man of a ton of philosophy spoke with me and helped me realize that some things need to be done on your own, and overcoming was the only option. This school year impacted Mr. Dixon negatively but I give credit to him for helping me realize a passion I never knew I had. 2020 was the best class this school had. Ever.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
CLASS OF 2020





## A Porcelain Existence

Oh what a porcelain existence we've been given.  
As the clock strikes eight we retreat,  
letting out slight whimpers of panic as we run from the  
invisible assassin.

We were made from the finest of china,  
though that word is controversial right now.  
Molded by a pair of potters who elegantly sculpted us.  
We've grown tough skin yet we're still very fragile.  
Oh what a porcelain existence we've been given.  
Our own vicinities plagued by the outside,  
an infiltration we'd never permit.  
An incurable opponent with a dagger at your neck  
in a battlefield familiar to you.  
Oh what a porcelain existence we've been given.

By: Ezequiel Zurita



# 2020 Coronavirus Pandemic: Class of 2020 Reflects

## DURING THE QUARANTINE I LEARNED TO APPRECIATE...

Personal space and the relationships I have with my family and friends. We are helping to comfort each other in this time of need. Although they can be pretty annoying at times, I wouldn't trade them for anything in the world because they are mine. I don't know many fathers that would get up and cook breakfast like mine or mothers that would encourage us to play board games as a family. And I don't know many siblings that would give into their shenanigans. I appreciate them all in different ways.  
~Miniya Womack

Waking up early in the morning on those drowsy Monday mornings to go to school.  
~Kalia Hatcher

My room. I've always appreciated my room, but since being in the house I found a new love for it within. It's my safe place throughout everything that's going on. The place where I feel like I am shielded from everything around me.  
~Dreonna Starks

The fact that I am not stuck at home, rather, I am safe at home. I took going outside for granted, but social distancing has allowed me to accomplish any goals I've been postponing.  
~Fortune Nwamara

My teachers because they don't have to give us attention. They still give it to us. I also learned that I need to stop giving up because everyone is. I also learned that everything happens for a reason.  
~Ayisha Abubakar

My family even more, my work, school, and my life.  
~Jason Easter

The good little moments in life. These little moments should be appreciated because you never know what awaits for you in the future. Have good moments when you can and don't wait for later.  
~Yoskar Vasquez

The time we had in school. Our surroundings were much energetic and we had our friends we could spend time with.  
~Christopher Vargas

Life, family and friends.  
~Chidiogo Anemelu

My family and all the other things I took for granted. This experience made me realize that I need to be thankful for the time and freedom I have because in a blink of an eye it can all be taken away.  
~Sara Jones

The value of time.  
~Noah Mack

school more. I miss seeing my friends and sitting in a classroom, I took some of those things for granted.  
~Poline Toure

School way more. Not being able to go to school has made me realize how overwhelming virtual online class can be. When I was physically able attend school the work load wasn't as bad as it is now on virtual online. So I definitely learned to appreciate school way more than before, I never thought a time like this would've ever happened.  
~Shakira Ceesay

The time that I have to spend with the people in my household even if sometimes we get bored inside we always seem to find a way to make the best out of it.  
~Sierra Hightower

Everything that I can't do now because of the quarantine.  
~Nahzae Branch

Life more & never take the small things for granted.  
~Za'Mijaey Singleton

The time you spend with people.  
~Shay'lah Lewis

In-school classes. I hate distance learning and I miss going out, even if it is to go to school.  
~Millene Dias

Being alone. It's been hard adjusting to life without being around my friends all the time and just being a social butterfly. But I'm learning to appreciate myself and my thoughts during this crisis. Much needed break  
~Sapphire Charles

the little things in life. It feels good to be appreciated when you been working so hard for 12 years but it's better to be healthy than sick. I feel as though bigger things are ahead of us and it's up to us whether we conquer it or bypass it.  
~ Yasir Baptiste

My time to myself. I have a greater value for my time to myself because I've had so much of it for a long time now.  
~Kavon Mack



# 2020 Coronavirus Pandemic: Class of 2020 Reflects

## DURING THE QUARANTINE I LEARNED TO APPRECIATE...

My time I have spend with my friends and the freedom to leave my home.  
~Shukur Carmichael

Life. It's a priceless thing because safety comes from responsibility. All we have to do is stay home, sanitized, and take care of our body. I started focusing on my health and started eating well, working out. Life is worth it and I'll do my best to keep it going!  
~Rafi Hossain

The time I get to spend with my family that I wouldn't usually do if we weren't in quarantine.  
~Kianna Brown

Just the time I have for myself and the time I have to work on myself.  
~Aazi Bemby

My work ethic/habits. When I went to school, sometimes I felt like I wasn't working hard enough. Now that I'm home and noticing how hard I'm working on these assignments, I appreciate what I did in school and continued to do at home!  
~Jamirr Baker

The time with my friends and family. Also the fresh air and freedom I had before all of this.  
~Maquayla Palmer

During the quarantine I learned to appreciate solidarity. Being around people is cool and all but there's nothing like the peace that engulfs you when it's just you.  
~Tosin Adebayo

Time Management and Planning. Before I used to just wait for the last minute to do my work procrastinating the entire time but now I have to do my work at a specific time to ensure that I finish every bodies work.  
~Keyarah Roberts

School more and the interaction with my peers and being with them physically.  
~Znariah Schaffer-White

School.  
~LaFayia Wright

The ability to go outside.  
~Riniah Christmas

The little things, car rides, eating out, etc..  
~Amayah Mikell

The need for people in my life no matter how I feel about them.  
~Odir Herrera

The teachers who've been through just as much as we have. They reach out to us which may seem easy from our point of view, but it's not. It's not easy for any of us and I don't think it has been ever since we went under quarantine. So, I appreciate the teachers who take the time to reach out to us and give us the opportunity to make up some work, and really help us out.  
~Briana Perez

Family.  
~Andre Corielan

My life and time and money.  
~Zaire Williams

Staying home safe and enable practicing my social distancing.  
~Marcus Cineus

My freedom to go anywhere, and especially school and all university has put in place for us.  
~Briana Brown

School, my parents, and some of my teachers. School because I always wanted to stay home and never go and now I wish that I could get up at 630 in the morning and prepare to go. My parents because I'm never home during this time and I learned a lot more about what goes on at home.  
~Bayyinah Muhammad

The quality time with my family and I also appreciate myself from not being one of the individuals sick to death.  
~Samiyah Auguste

All that I have been blessed with and all that is yet to come. A lot has been taken from me this year, but better things are coming and I know it.  
~Nasire Branch

Family and time. I said that because before this me and my brother really didn't speak as much but now we talk like everyday and is getting closer than I thought. I also said time because I learned to have time for myself rather it's being alone or with someone.  
~Quayanah Roberts

The time I get to spend with my family. Not everyone has a family so now I see how important it is to cherish them.  
~India Williams

time. I spend majority of my time with my siblings which is the best thing because I never got to spend time with them before. Time slips and moments like these are what matters most.  
~Desiree Ortiz

My family and friends because at the end of the day those the only people I have to talk to during this quarantine.  
~Arian Fogle



the people around me everyday including my friends and people from school. I learned to appreciate the opportunities I got everyday. I learned to appreciate the fact that we were able to go out anytime. I learned to appreciate the nature and it's fresh air. Lastly, I learned to appreciate the little moments in my life.

~Maliha Chowdhury

The fact that I am alive and healthy with my family. I learn to appreciate the small breaks I get and make the best of them before I work. I am also grateful for all the teachers who keep me updated and try hard for each individual student like me.

~Dany Rodriguez

The time spent away from doing everyday things. Since September it's been nothing but school, work, and schoolwork. Not to mention studying for the SATs. I very grateful for the time I've spent at home with myself meditating. I've also caught up with sleep so I'm happy for that. I also used this time to think about what the world is coming to and myself as well. I am fortunate to still have my life because people around the globe are dying by the thousands.

~Ugochi Mbagwu

Those who are falling the rules towards the curfew and shelter law that the mayor keep stressing. There still a lot of people who don't get it so those who do are appreciated for trying to get this over with.

~Ronnell Garry

Life and people. This quarantine made me open my eyes I mean I knew tomorrow wasn't guaranteed but this pandemic actually made me see it. Before the spring break I lost my old Sunday school teacher and it hit me that this disease can kill anybody it doesn't pick and choose it goes for anybody everybody.

~Priscilla Dwumfour

My family, and the things that I have. I am very grateful for the things I have, knowing there are others who don't have nothing to cope with during this quarantine. I do feel that in this current matter, this is a test for those who have valuable assets in their life to see if they are taking the right advantage of them.

~Delmar Aikens-Berry

## Life As We Know It by Christopher Vargas

Is it a phase? No, no, more like an ordeal.

Restrained in your home like a prisoner,

Getting worked piled up without seeing an end.

Is this what the end of the world looks like?

A state of confinement with curfew?

Panicking over something that restricts the freedom we once fought for.

Just another way of being controlled by the government.

Overwhelmed with rules and regulations,

instead of showing care for those in need.


Imagine a world where school work is more important,

Than the health that allows us to do it.

Say goodbye,

To life as we know it.





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